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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 ON MARCH 16, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 94.]

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5 [GAVEL]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WOULD CALL THE MEETING TO
8 ORDER AND WOULD ASK THAT YOU ALL PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED
9 IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY PASTOR DANIEL HOLMQUIST,
10 LANCASTER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH IN LANCASTER, AND FOLLOWED
11 BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY JERRY
12 YAMAMOTO, PRESIDENT, SOUTH BAY CHAPTER NUMBER 53, VIETNAM
13 VETERANS OF AMERICA. PASTOR HOLMQUIST.

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15 **PASTOR HOLMQUIST:** BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL AND ALL THAT IS
16 WITHIN ME. BLESS HIS HOLY NAME. BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND
17 FORGET NONE OF HIS BENEFITS, WHO PARDONS ALL YOUR INEQUITIES,
18 WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES, WHO REDEEMS YOUR LIFE FROM THE
19 PITS, WHO CROWNS YOU WITH LOVING KINDNESS AND COMPASSION, WHO
20 SATISFIES YOUR YEARS WITH GOOD THINGS SO THAT YOUR YOUTH IS
21 RENEWED LIKE THE EAGLE. THE LORD PERFORMS RIGHTEOUS DEEDS AND
22 JUDGMENTS FOR ALL WHO ARE OPPRESSED. THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE
23 AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN LOVING KINDNESS.
24 ALMIGHTY GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WE APPROACH YOU AS YOUR MOST
25 GRATEFUL CREATURES WHOM YOU HAVE CREATED IN YOUR IMAGE AND



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1 PROVIDE FOR IN YOUR PROVIDENCE. NOT ONLY DO YOU SUPPLY ALL OF
2 OUR NEEDS, YOU PROVIDE ABUNDANTLY FOR OUR ENJOYMENT OF THIS
3 LIFE, OUR FAMILY, OUR COMMUNITY, ALL LEADING US TO REJOICE IN
4 YOU, THE GIVER OF ALL GOOD GIFTS. WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU FOR
5 YOUR UNFAILING FAITHFULNESS TO US AND WE REST SECURE IN YOUR
6 ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OVER YOUR WORLD AND ITS HISTORY AND OUR
7 PLACE IN IT. WE DO NOT FEAR AND YET WE HOPE FOR THE FINAL DAY
8 OF YOUR JUSTICE AND PEACE, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND BLESSING UPON
9 THIS EARTH AND FOREVERMORE. WE PRAISE YOU THAT YOU WORK OUT
10 ALL THINGS FOR YOUR GREATEST GLORY AND FOR OUR ULTIMATE GAIN.
11 WE REQUEST YOUR BLESSING UPON THIS MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE. WE ASK
13 THAT YOU WOULD GRANT UNDERSTANDING, WISDOM, AND GUIDANCE IN
14 THE MIDST OF TODAY'S DELIBERATIONS FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND BEST.
15 WE ASK THIS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE NEED SUCH HELP AND THAT
16 YOU WILL GLADLY GIVE IT. IT IS YOUR DELIGHT TO ASSIST US IN
17 DIFFICULT DECISIONS. WOULD YOU LOOK UPON OUR FAITH FOR SUCH
18 WITH FAVOR? AND ACKNOWLEDGING OUR DEPENDENCE UPON YOU, WOULD
19 YOU BRING YOUR SUPPLY OF STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO FACE THE
20 CHALLENGES BEFORE US? LET NONE OF US THINK THAT THIS PRAYER IS
21 THE END OF OUR HUMILITY BEFORE YOU TODAY BUT SIMPLY A HUMBLE
22 AND PROPER BEGINNING. DO LEAD FORTH IN YOUR DESIGN OF TRUTH
23 AND LOVE AND JUSTICE. FORTIFY OUR CONVICTIONS FOR THESE SO
24 THAT WE MAY MAKE TRUE PROGRESS, ACCOMPLISH MORE, AND WORK
25 BETTER. LEAD US INTO A BRIGHT AND HOPEFUL FUTURE AS CITIZENS



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1 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MAY YOU BE PLEASED BY THE MANNER AND
2 OUTCOME OF TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS, ALL THE WORKING TOGETHER FOR
3 THE GOOD OF YOUR PEOPLE, AND SO CONFER EVEN GREATER HONOR UPON
4 THIS BOARD. WE PRAY ALL OF THIS TO YOU, LORD GOD, WHO ARE THE
5 MOST GLORIOUS IN ALL YOUR BEING AND WORK AND INFINITE IN ALL
6 PERFECTIONS. WE REJOICE IN YOU. OUR CONFIDENCE AND HOPE IS IN
7 YOU. WE RESOLVE TO TRUST YOU THIS DAY. LAVISH YOUR GRACE AND
8 PEACE AND LOVE UPON US, WE PRAY. AMEN.

9

10 **JERRY YAMAMOTO:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART
11 AND JOIN ME IN RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
12 ALLEGIANCE]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MICHAEL?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
17 WELCOME PASTOR HOLMQUIST HERE FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND FOR
18 THOSE WHO SAY THERE'S NO TRAFFIC PROBLEM ALONG THE 14 AND NO
19 ADDITIONAL TRUCKS ARE GOING TO IMPACT ANY TRAFFIC, IT TOOK HIM
20 TWO AND A HALF HOURS TO DRIVE DOWN HERE THIS MORNING AND WE
21 APPRECIATE THE PASTOR COMING DOWN. AS I SAID, PASTOR DANIEL
22 HOLMQUIST IS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE LANCASTER EVANGELICAL
23 FREE CHURCH FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. HE COMES FROM CHICAGO. HE
24 EARNED HIS MASTER'S OF DIVINITY FROM TRINITY EVANGELICAL
25 DIVINITY SCHOOL AND HIS MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL



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1 MINISTRIES FROM WHEATON COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL, AND HIS
2 BACHELOR OF ARTS FROM WHEATON COLLEGE. SO A PASTOR, WHO IS
3 MARRIED AND HE HAS SIX CHILDREN. I CAN HARDLY DO TWO, SO I
4 DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO SIX. A LOT MORE PRAYER, I THINK. BUT
5 THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN PRAYER. [APPLAUSE
6]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MEMBERS AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY
9 PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JERRY
10 YAMAMOTO AND HE LED US IN THE PLEDGE TODAY. JERRY IS A HARBOR
11 CITY RESIDENT AND RECENTLY RETIRED FROM CALPHERS AND A LONG-
12 TIME PRESIDENT OF OUR VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA SOUTH BAY
13 CHAPTER NUMBER 53. HE CAME BEFORE THIS BOARD IN, I BELIEVE,
14 2001, AND-- FOR HIS EFFORTS TO RENAME PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY IN
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS
16 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. JERRY VISITED HIS HOMETOWN IN OHIO AND SAW A
17 SIGN ON THE FREEWAYS DEDICATED TO VETERANS THAT SAID-- AND HE
18 SAID TO HIMSELF, "WHY DON'T WE DO THAT HERE IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY?" SO, AS A RESULT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASSEMBLY MEMBER
20 GEORGE DECONO, WORKING ON LEGISLATION TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL,
21 OBVIOUSLY, TODAY, THERE ARE NUMEROUS SIGNS DESIGNATING THE 104
22 MILE STRETCH OF THE STATE HIGHWAY AS A MEMORIAL TO OUR
23 VETERANS OF VIETNAM WAR, AND HE AND HIS SUPPORTERS CONTINUE TO
24 RAISE MONEY. MORE SIGNS APPEAR AND HE CONTINUES TO WORK ON IT.
25 IT'S GOT A BIG DEDICATION THIS WEEKEND AGAIN BUT HE'S BEEN A



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1 TRUE FRIEND TO THE VETERAN AND A TRUE FRIEND OF OURS. AND,
2 JERRY, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE JUST WANT TO
3 SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN AND
4 LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AGENDA.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD, WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. ON ITEM S-1, AS NOTED ON THE
10 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THE MATTER BE REFERRED BACK
11 TO HIS OFFICE. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
12 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
15 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13,
18 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 1, HOLD FOR A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF
20 THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
21 THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 MOLINA, SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
25 AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE-- OKAY. MOVED...



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2 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** I'LL HOLD 6.

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4 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** HUH?

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, SO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL HOLD
7 ITEM 6. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 14.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHAT'S THAT, NOW?

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 14, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
12 IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED
15 BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ON ITEM 15,
18 HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS
23 16 THROUGH 19, ITEM NUMBER 16 INCLUDES REVISIONS AS NOTED ON
24 THE GREEN SHEET. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
25 A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. THAT'S 17. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
4 ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEM 20.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 21.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 22 THROUGH 28. ON
17 ITEM NUMBER 27, ONLY THE PORTION RELATING TO ACCOUNT NUMBER
18 7822360 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000, SUPERVISOR BURKE IS
19 REQUESTING A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON THAT PORTION OF IT. THE
20 REMAINDER OF THAT ITEM AND THE OTHER ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT CHANGE, THE CONTINUANCE FOR
23 TWO WEEKS ON ACCOUNT 7822360, ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 29 AND 30. ON ITEM
3 NUMBER 29, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS
4 THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. ITEM 30 IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 31.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WOULD
12 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 32 AND 33.
15 ITEM 32 INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET.
16 AND, ALSO, ANOTHER NOTE, IT SHOULD BE ONE MONTH INSTEAD OF
17 THREE MONTHS ON THE CONTRACT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON WHICH ITEM?

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S ITEM 32.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SO THOSE REVISIONS AND ITEM 33 ARE BEFORE
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THAT SHOULD BE THREE MONTHS?

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IT SHOULD BE ONE MONTH.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ONE MONTH. OKAY. ON THOSE ITEMS AS AMENDED,
9 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 34 THROUGH 60. ON
13 ITEM 38, SUPERVISORS-- SUPERVISOR BURKE AND A MEMBER OF THE
14 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 49,
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS REQUESTING A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.
16 HOWEVER, IT'S NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS
17 THAT IT BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTING
20 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST SAY, THE
23 REASON I WANT IT BACK IN TWO WEEKS IS BECAUSE, IF IT DOESN'T
24 COME BACK, IT'S JUST GOING TO ROLL OVER ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH,
25 WHICH IS THE ISSUE THAT I WANT TO RAISE. SO I DON'T WANT THIS



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1 THING TO GET BURIED IN THE BOWELS OF THE BUREAUCRACY
2 SOMEWHERE. I WANT TO CONFRONT THE ISSUE OF WHY WE'RE SPENDING
3 THIS MUCH MONEY THIS LONG, 11 YEARS, 10 YEARS AFTER THE
4 EARTHQUAKE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO YOU WANT THE ITEM CONTINUED FOR
7 TWO WEEKS. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WITH THAT CHANGE NOTED, BUT YOU
8 WANT IT TO COME BACK AND CONFRONT-- I UNDERSTAND. OKAY. MOVED
9 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 61 THROUGH 65. ON ITEM
13 NUMBER 61, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON
14 ITEM NUMBER 62, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE REMAINDER
15 ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
19 ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 66 AND
22 67.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY
25 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION. ON ITEM
3 NUMBER 68, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 69.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY THE
10 CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 70 AND 71. ON
13 ITEM NUMBER 70, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS A 60-DAY CONTINUANCE
14 AND THAT WOULD BE MAY 18, 2003. ON ITEM 71, HOLD FOR THE
15 BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
20 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
21 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
22 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
23 ITEM 72-A.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR
2 WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 72-B.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR
7 WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 72-C.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WOULD MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
16 DISTRICT NO. 1.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. I-- JUST BEFORE WE DO THAT, I HAVE A
19 MOTION TO ADD TO CLOSED SESSION, AN ITEM CONCERNING
20 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, DEVELOPMENTS IN A MATTER
21 INVOLVING A SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION CONCERNING THE
22 OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAVE COME TO THE COUNTY'S
23 ATTENTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA FOR THE
24 MARCH 16TH MEETING AND THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE
25 ACTION WITH REGARD TO THOSE DEVELOPMENTS. SO I WOULD THEREFORE



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1 MOVE THAT THE BOARD, ONE, DETERMINE THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE
2 IMMEDIATE ACTION AND, TWO, PLACE THE-- ON THE AGENDA THE
3 FOLLOWING ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION IN TODAY'S CLOSED SESSION:
4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, ANTICIPATED LITIGATION,
5 SUBDIVISION B OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9, AND THAT'S
6 ONE CASE. AND I WOULD MOVE THAT AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS.
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE HAVE A COUPLE
8 PRESENTATIONS BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH-- I HAVE-- THIS MORNING, WE
9 ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME HIS EXCELLENCY, SERGIO VENTO, THE
10 AMBASSADOR OF ITALY TO THE UNITED STATES. AMBASSADOR VENTO
11 ASSUMED HIS POST IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN MAY OF 2003. PRIOR TO
12 BECOMING AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, HE WAS ITALY'S
13 AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS. AMBASSADOR VENTO ALSO SERVED
14 AS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AND HELD POSTINGS IN YUGOSLAVIA, THE
15 HAGUE, BUENOS AIRES, ENCARA[?], DURING HIS CAREER AS A
16 DIPLOMAT IN ITALY'S SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, WHICH HE BEGAN IN
17 1963. AMBASSADOR VENTO HOLDS A DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
18 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME AND IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.
19 MR. AMBASSADOR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO PEOPLE OF MANY
20 DIFFERENT CULTURES, INCLUDING THOSE OF ITALIAN DESCENT. WE
21 APPRECIATE THE OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ITALIAN-
22 AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE HAS MADE TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF THE
23 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WE HOLD IN HIGH ESTEEM OUR
24 FRIENDSHIP THAT WE SHARE WITH YOUR COUNTRY OF ITALY. YOUR
25 CONSUL-GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES HERE, MR. BACILIO, DOES A GREAT



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1 CREDIT TO YOUR COUNTRY AND IS VERY ACTIVE ON BEHALF OF ITALY
2 HERE IN OUR COUNTY AND AROUND THE AREA AND, AS A TOKEN OF OUR
3 FRIENDSHIP AND ESTEEM FOR YOU AND YOUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, WE
4 HAVE THREE GIFTS FOR YOU. ONE IS A BOOK, "OVER CALIFORNIA".
5 THERE IS A WONDERFUL BRASS PAPERWEIGHT IN THE SHAPE OF
6 CALIFORNIA WHERE WE HIGHLIGHT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND, SINCE
7 YOU'RE GOING TO BE VISITING THE DISNEY CONCERT HALL, WE HAVE A
8 SMALL BOOK ABOUT THE CONCERT HALL. SO, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND
9 MY COLLEAGUES, WE WANT TO FORMALLY WELCOME YOU HERE TO LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE THE FRIENDSHIP OF YOU, YOUR
11 COUNTRY, AND IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU HERE. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **AMBASSADOR SERGIO VENTO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT'S A GREAT PRIVILEGE
14 AND GREAT HONOR TO BE WELCOMED HERE BY THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS IS A POWERHOUSE OF
16 THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY. IS A MODEL, AN
17 OUTSTANDING MODEL, OF HOW TO HAVE THE MOST FRUITFUL AND
18 POWERFUL DYNAMICS AND MOVEMENTS AND GROWTH IN A MULTICULTURAL
19 ENVIRONMENT. WE PRAISE, IN ITALY AND IN EUROPE, WHAT LOS
20 ANGELES HAS BEEN FOR THE CASE, AS A GREAT ECONOMIC HUB, A
21 GREAT CULTURAL HUB DUE TO YOUR POWERFUL UNIVERSITIES RESEARCH
22 CENTERS. THESE ARE THE AREAS WHERE ITALY HAS THE INTENT TO
23 WORK IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND YEARS. THIS WILL SAY TO
24 IMPROVE, WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THE KNOWLEDGE OF ITALY AS A
25 LEADING MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. THE EUROPEAN UNION IS



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1 GOING TO EXPAND IN A FEW WEEKS TO 10 NEW MEMBER COUNTRIES,
2 RANGING FROM POLAND TO HUNGARY, TO CZECH REPUBLIC, BUT WE HAVE
3 A SPECIAL INTEREST IN INCREASING THE TEACHING, THE KNOWLEDGE
4 OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE, FIRST OF ALL. WE VALUE ENORMOUSLY THE
5 AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN SIGNED RECENTLY BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
6 LOS ANGELES AND THE ITALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL FOR TEACHING AND
7 LEARNING OF ITALIANS IN YOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS HERE. TOGETHER
8 WITH LANGUAGE, WE ARE INTERESTED ALSO TO LET TO KNOW THE
9 MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY REALITY OF ITALY. WE HAVE, THEREFORE,
10 A REAL INTEREST IN INCREASING EXCHANGE IN HIGH TECH, IN
11 BIOTECHNOLOGIES, MEDICAL RESEARCH, AND THAT'S WHY I THINK THAT
12 I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL AN EFFORT THAT WE ARE MAKING TO
13 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF-- AND THE FLOW OF AMERICAN INVESTMENTS
14 TO ITALY AND ITALIAN INVESTMENTS IN THIS PART OF THE UNITED
15 STATES. I THINK THAT TO BE HERE TODAY IS A REAL HIGH POINT, IS
16 A REAL LANDMARK ON MY VISIT TO CALIFORNIA. LET ME THANK YOU
17 ONCE AGAIN FOR THIS RECEPTION, FOR THE PRESENTS THAT I
18 APPRECIATE VERY MUCH, AND LET ME ASSURE YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN,
19 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE SUPERVISORS, THAT ITALY IS
20 REAFFIRMING ITS STATUS AS A LOYAL PARTNER OF THE UNITED STATES
21 IN THESE TESTING TIMES WHERE WE ARE BOTH COMMITTED IN
22 AFFIRMING OUR VALUES OF DEMOCRACY AROUND THE WORLD. IS WE NEED
23 A SERIOUS EFFORT TO BETTER COORDINATE, SAY, THE VIEWS AND THE
24 ACTIONS OF BOTH UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN UNION BUT ITALY IS



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1 STANDING FIRMLY IN THIS EFFORT AND THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU.

2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, I'D LIKE TO INVITE UP OUR MARCH 2004
5 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, DR. JOSEFINA ZABALA. ASK HER TO COME ON
6 UP. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BRING THE FAMILY, SURE. FAMILY, COME ON UP.
9 AS A 22-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DR. ZABALA
10 IS CURRENTLY A SENIOR VETERINARIAN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, WHERE SHE WORKS IN ANIMAL CARE AND
12 HUSBANDRY. SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDING A VACCINE TO THE
13 MEDICAL REGIMEN PROVIDED TO INCOMING DOGS AGAINST THE HIGHLY
14 CONTAGIOUS VIRUS KNOWN AS KENNEL COUGH, LEADING TO HEALTHIER
15 DOGS. HER EVALUATION AND INTRODUCTION OF PEDIATRIC SPAY/NEUTER
16 SURGERIES TO SHELTERS ALLOWS STERILIZATION OF PUPPIES AND
17 KITTENS PRIOR TO PLACEMENT AND AT AN AGE WHERE THEY RECOVER
18 MORE RAPIDLY, THEREBY INCREASING THEIR PRODUCTIVITY. DR.
19 ZABALA ALSO IMPLEMENTED A NEW DEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURE TO
20 DETERMINE THE ADAPTABILITY-- ADOPTABILITY OF ANIMALS, EXCUSE
21 ME, NOT ADAPTABILITY, BUT ADOPTABILITY OF ANIMALS, INCLUDING
22 THEIR MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS. THIS ACTUALLY WAS A
23 BREAKTHROUGH FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND CREATED A SYSTEM IN WHICH
24 OVER 90% OF ADOPTABLE ANIMALS ARE PLACED INTO NEW, LOVING
25 HOMES. IN RECOGNITION OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HER



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1 DEDICATION AND HARD WORK AND HER SINCERE COMMITMENT TO-- NOT
2 ONLY TO THE ANIMALS BUT THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY,
3 IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE DR. ZABALA, PRESENT HER WITH
4 THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION AS THE MARCH 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE
5 MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **DR. JOSEFINA ZABALA:** CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DON
8 KNABE, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE-
9 BURKE, SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR MICHAEL
10 ANTONOVICH, MICHAEL HENRY, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES,
11 ITS COORDINATOR, JOYCE SANFIELD, THE COMMITTEE FOR THE
12 SELECTION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
13 DEPARTMENT HEAD MARSHA MIEDA AND OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, JUDY
14 MORAZ, FELLOW WORKERS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
15 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO BE CHOSEN LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO
17 ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SERVE THEIR CONSTITUENTS IN
18 MATTERS OF ANIMAL WELFARE. I ACCEPT THIS AWARD IN BEHALF OF MY
19 FELLOW NOMINEES, IN BEHALF OF MY HARD WORKING MEDICAL STAFF
20 AND THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. MY
21 HUSBAND, FRED, MY CHILDREN AND MY FAMILY AND I THANK YOU VERY
22 MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
25 RECOGNIZING DR. ZABALA. WE ARE SO IMPRESSED WITH HER



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1 COMPASSION AND DEDICATION TO THE ANIMALS THAT ARE SERVED BY
2 OUR SIX COUNTY SHELTERS, AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE BEHIND US ARE
3 FELLOW COWORKERS, MEDICAL STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF THAT
4 ARE HERE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION TO DR. ZABALA
5 FOR EVERYTHING SHE'S DONE FOR THE ANIMALS OVER THE 20-PLUS
6 YEARS SHE'S WORKED WITH US. I THINK WE'D FILL THE AUDITORIUM
7 WITH ALL OF OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS IF THEY WEREN'T TAKING
8 CARE OF THE ANIMALS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE SHE IS VERY MUCH LOVED
9 AND APPRECIATED IN OUR DEPARTMENT AND THANK YOU FOR
10 RECOGNIZING HER THIS MONTH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DR. ZABALA, WE ALSO HAVE A PIN IN
13 RECOGNITION AS BEING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AS WELL, TOO. AND
14 WE'LL GET EVERYONE TOGETHER AND WE'LL DO A GROUP PHOTO HERE.
15 AND, ACTUALLY, I THINK ONE OR TWO OF DR. ZABALA'S DAUGHTERS
16 SURVIVED GOING TO SCHOOL WITH MY BOYS, SO THAT'S-- THAT'S
17 GOOD, TOO. LET'S SEE, I DON'T THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA--
18 SUPERVISOR BURKE-- SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK LORRI JEAN AND
21 QUINTON O'BRIEN TO JOIN US UP HERE. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF
22 THE BOARD, THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY REFLECT A
24 PART OF THE DIVERSE ETHNIC, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL
25 CHARACTERISTICS THAT STRENGTHEN THIS COMMUNITY. OF THE HEALTH



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1 DISPARITIES AFFECTING LGBT POPULATION INCLUDE CANCER, SEXUALLY
2 TRANSMITTED DISEASES, HEPATITIS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL
3 HEALTH, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS WELL AS ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE.
4 THE NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION ARE POORLY UNDERSTOOD BY
5 PROVIDERS AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND IT IS THE
6 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ADDRESS THE
7 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT
8 ALL PROGRAMS. THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR LESBIAN, GAY,
9 BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER HEALTH AND THE L.A. GAY AND LESBIAN
10 CENTER ARE SPONSORING MARCH 14TH THROUGH 20TH, 2004, AS
11 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
12 TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF LGBT HEALTH ISSUES AND TO
13 INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF AND ACCESS TO THE QUALITY OF
14 PHYSICAL, HEALTH, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RELATED SERVICES.
15 SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES TODAY THAT THE COUNTY OF
16 LOS ANGELES PROCLAIMS MARCH 14TH THROUGH THE 20TH, 2004, AS
17 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
18 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT
19 THIS TO LORRI JEAN, QUINTON O'BRIEN. LORRI HAS BEEN HERE
20 BEFORE, RECENTLY, AND OVER THE YEARS, AND THESE ARE FOLKS WHO
21 HAVE TOILED IN THE VINEYARDS PROVIDING VITAL SERVICES TO A
22 COMMUNITY THAT NOT ONLY WAS MISUNDERSTOOD BUT REALLY IGNORED
23 FOR FAR TOO LONG OVER THE DECADES. AND I'M PROUD THAT THIS
24 COUNTY HAS TAKEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE OVER THE YEARS, LONG BEFORE
25 I GOT HERE, BUT CONTINUES, UNDER THE FIVE SUPERVISORS HERE, TO



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1 PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED CARE AND INVESTMENTS IN HEALTHCARE AND
2 OTHER SERVICES FOR THE LGBT COMMUNITY. SO, LORRI AND QUINTON,
3 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE,
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WANTS TO SAY A WORD, AND DON, WHY DON'T YOU
5 JOIN US HERE FOR A SECOND AND DO THAT BEFORE WE MAKE THE
6 OFFICIAL PRESENTATION.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV, YOU SAID ABOUT EVERYTHING. I JUST
9 WANTED TO JOIN IN. I THINK ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS
10 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH OVER THE YEARS IS THE FACT THAT
11 THE ISSUE OF HEALTHCARE IN THE COMMUNITY WAS NOT ONE JUST--
12 THAT RESIDED JUST SORT OF WEST OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, THAT
13 THERE ARE ISSUES THROUGHOUT THIS GREAT COUNTY, PARTICULARLY
14 BEING THE LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA. SO I'M PROUD TO JOIN IN
15 THIS CELEBRATION AND IN CREATING THIS HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
16 AND SAY THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, LORRI AND QUINTON, LET ME PRESENT THIS
19 TO YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU DO IN THE
20 COMMUNITY EVERY DAY. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO SAY WORD?

23

24 **LORRI JEAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER A
25 MILLION GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE LIVE IN



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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THESE
2 ANGELINOS IS CRUCIAL TO THE STRENGTH AND VITALITY OF LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY. FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, THE LOS ANGELES
4 GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER AND THE COUNTY HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS AND
5 HAVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF
6 OUR COMMUNITY. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD NOT ONLY FOR THIS
7 PROCLAMATION AND FOR ITS LONG-TIME SUPPORT OF CRITICALLY
8 NEEDED SOCIAL SERVICES, BUT FOR ITS LEADERSHIP IN
9 UNDERSTANDING THAT OUR HEALTH IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO OUR
10 FREEDOM, TO OUR EQUAL CIVIL RIGHTS. ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AT
11 THE L.A. GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AND
12 I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS OF WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP
13 TOWARDS THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COUNTY. [APPLAUSE].

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. MR.
16 CHAIRMAN, I'D NOW LIKE TO ASK MR. STUART FAGAN TO JOIN US. I
17 KNOW IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT IT'S ON THE GREEN SHEET, WHICH
18 IS A GOOD THING; OTHERWISE, WE COULDN'T DO THIS. IS MR-- WHERE
19 IS MR-- THERE HE COMES. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
20 STEWART FAGAN, WHO IS HERE ON MY SIDE, WAS BORN IN HOLLYWOOD,
21 CALIFORNIA, IN 1947, ATTENDED ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND,
22 AFTER THAT, WE FOLLOWED THE SAME EXACT PATH: BANCROFT JUNIOR
23 HIGH SCHOOL, FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL, AND U.C.L.A. AND WE WERE
24 PROBABLY A YEAR APART FROM ONE ANOTHER. DID YOU GET A SWAT
25 FROM MR. SCARCELLI WHEN YOU WERE THERE?



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2 **STEWART FAGAN:** I WAS A GOOD BOY. [LAUGHTER]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WERE A GOOD BOY. WELL, I GOT ENOUGH FOR
5 BOTH OF US. FROM 1967 TO 1973, HE WAS AN OPERATING SYSTEMS
6 PROGRAMMER AT UCLA AT THE USC INFORMATION SCIENCES INSTITUTE,
7 BOTH OF WHOM WERE PIONEERS ON THE ARPANET, THE PREDECESSOR OF
8 THE INTERNET. MR. FAGAN STATES THAT HE WOULD BE THE WEALTHIEST
9 PERSON IN THE WORLD IF HE HAD REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT
10 TECHNOLOGY AT THAT TIME. YOU AND A FEW OTHER PEOPLE. HE THEN
11 WENT TO SILICON VALLEY IN 1973, WHERE HE WAS AN OPERATING
12 SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER FOR THE AMDAHL CORPORATION. FROM 1980 TO
13 '84, HE WORKED FOR THE TRILOGY SYSTEMS CORPORATION AS A
14 PROGRAMMER AND COMPUTER DESIGNER. HE BEGAN WORKING AT ORACLE
15 IN 1978, STARTING OUT AS THE COMPANY'S FIFTH EMPLOYEE AND
16 PERFORMING VARIOUS PROGRAMMING AND HARDWARE FUNCTIONS, AND HIS
17 RESUME GOES ON. HE'S CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF RENO, NEVADA. MR.
18 FAGAN IS A PRIVATE INVESTOR AND VENTURE CAPITALIST. HE HAS
19 DONE WELL FOR A BANCROFT GRADUATE. HE WAS A FOUNDER OF
20 ADVENTURE MEDIA INCORPORATED, A PUBLISHER OF AIRLINE IN-FLIGHT
21 MAGAZINES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS. HE WAS ALSO A FOUNDER OF THE
22 COMPUTER TELEVISION NETWORK, A CABLE T.V. NETWORK THAT
23 OPERATED FROM 1996 TO '98. HIS LATEST COMPANIES ARE NEVADA
24 VENTURES AND NORTH STAR INVESTORS, BOTH LOCATED IN NEVADA, AND
25 HIS COMMUNITY INTERESTS INCLUDE A POSITION ON THE BOARD OF



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1 TRUSTEES IN THE NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART AND ALSO THE COLLEGE OF
2 ENGINEERING ADVISORY BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT
3 RENO. NOW, YOU WANT TO KNOW, WHY DID WE BRING HIM ALL THE WAY
4 DOWN HERE FROM RENO JUST TO READ ALL THIS INTERESTING THING--
5 ALL THESE INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT HIM. WELL, STAN HAS NOT
6 FORGOTTEN-- STEWART, I'M SORRY, HAS NOT FORGOTTEN HIS
7 COMMUNITY. I FORGOT YOUR NAME BUT, FORTUNATELY, YOU HAVEN'T
8 FORGOTTEN OUR COMMUNITY. [LAUGHTER]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND RECENTLY, HE MADE A DONATION OF STOCK IN
11 THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY, WHICH IS
12 ONE OF THE LIBRARIES IN OUR SYSTEM, SO THAT THEY CAN-- WAS IT
13 FOR BOOKS OR FOR OPERATIONS? FOR-- WE'RE STILL DISCUSSING. BUT
14 IT'S GOING TO BE FOR THE-- EARMARKED FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD
15 LIBRARY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE LIBRARIES IN OUR
16 COMMUNITY AND IN OUR COUNTY AND WHICH WE HOPE TO REBUILD SOON
17 AS A NEW LIBRARY. AND, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, STEWART, I
18 WANTED TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO YOU ENGRAVED BY ALL FIVE OF
19 US TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND TO THANK YOU FOR
20 REMEMBERING YOUR ROOTS BECAUSE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY WAS
21 WALKING DISTANCE FROM ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND IT STILL
22 IS. SO WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WISH YOU WELL IN THE YEARS
23 AHEAD. THIS IS FOR YOU. [APPLAUSE]

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SAY A WORD?



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2 **STEWART FAGAN:** SURE.

3

4 **SANDY:** I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS GIFT. OUR LIBRARIES CAN
5 ALWAYS USE THE DONATIONS OF FORMER SATISFIED CUSTOMERS AND I'D
6 LIKE TO INTRODUCE PILAR OHUS, WHO IS A MEMBER OF OUR
7 FOUNDATION BOARD.

8

9 **PILAR OHUS:** THANK YOU, SANDY, AND THANK YOU, STEWART, SO MUCH
10 FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND FOR REMEMBERING YOUR ROOTS AND
11 REMEMBERING THE ROLE THAT THE LIBRARY PLAYED IN YOUR LIFE AND
12 YOUR SUCCESS. AND, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF THE LIBRARY
13 FOUNDATION, I'VE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT MR. FAGAN WITH THIS
14 BEAUTIFUL HAND PRINT FROM KELLY, WHO IS SEVEN YEARS OLD AND
15 FROM WEST HOLLYWOOD. THESE ARE THE HANDS THAT YOU TOUCH AND
16 THE MINDS THAT YOU TOUCH WITH YOUR GENEROSITY AND THE COUNTY
17 SUPPORTS OUR LIBRARIES AND WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS AGAIN ON
18 BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE NEED A LOT OF
19 SUPPORT. I'D LIKE TO ASK GRETCHEN TO STAND UP. SHE'S ALREADY
20 DRESSED AND READY FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY. SHE'S OUR DEVOTED
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION. WE NEED
22 EVERYONE'S SUPPORT. AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE BUDGET
23 SITUATIONS, THE FOUNDATION HAS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.
24 ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE MOST PROUD OF IS OUR HOMEWORK CENTERS
25 AND WE INVITE ANYONE WHO UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF



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1 LIBRARIES AND BOOKS TO OUR FUTURE TO PLEASE JOIN US IN
2 SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND, GRETCHEN, I KNOW, WOULD
3 LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. YOU CAN'T MISS HER IN HER GREEN TODAY.
4 THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. FAGAN. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **STEWART FAGAN:** THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PLAQUES. ONE THING
7 I WANTED TO POINT OUT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS YOU'VE
8 HEARD THAT RESUME AND A VERY SUCCESSFUL CAREER, INCLUDING ONE
9 COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA COMPANY THAT EMPLOYEES MORE THAN 40,000
10 PEOPLE WORLDWIDE, AND IT ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE, ONE DAY, ON MY
11 WEEKLY WALK TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY, I FOUND ONE
12 BOOK WHICH SET ME OFF ON THE CAREER IN COMPUTERS. SO I'M
13 INVESTING IN THE LIBRARIES AND I HOPE, WHEN YOU DO YOUR
14 BUDGETS, YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT IT'S A GREAT INVESTMENT. [
15 APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, STEWART.

18

19 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MICROPHONE? TEST, TEST.
20 WE'RE ON. TODAY, WE RECOGNIZE THE GREAT SUCCESS OF OUR
21 COUNTY'S DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM. THESE PROGRAMS HAVE
22 BECOME A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE COURTS BY
23 PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR SETTLING DISPUTES OUTSIDE
24 THE TRADITIONAL JUDGE AND JURY SYSTEM AND OTHER MORE FORMAL
25 PROCESSES. LAST YEAR, THE TEN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS



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1 AND SIX PUBLIC ENTITIES ASSISTED MORE THAN 20,000 COUNTY
2 RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN RESOLVING MORE THAN
3 8,000 DISPUTES. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE
4 PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF MEDIATION WEEK TO CYNTHIA
5 BANKS, WHO IS CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH
7 14TH THROUGH THE 21ST AS MEDIATION WEEK HERE IN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THIS AWARD AND FOR
11 THIS PROCLAMATION. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
12 HERE, THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT AND IT IS SO SUCCESSFUL
13 BECAUSE THESE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVE IN WHAT THEY DO. SO I WOULD
14 LIKE TO THANK EACH OF THOSE HERE AND EACH OF THOSE THAT ARE
15 OUT IN THE COMMUNITY WORKING TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM SO
16 SUCCESSFUL.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CYNTHIA. NEXT, NOW, WE'RE GOING
19 TO PAY SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS,
20 ORGANIZATIONS, AND CASES THAT HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE SUCCESS OF
21 OUR DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM AND ACCEPTING THE AWARDS ARE--
22 THIS IS JUST LIKE THE OSCARS, HUH? I MEAN, THIS IS...

23

24 **SUPERVISOR BURKE:** YEAH, THIS IS BETTER.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BETTER, YEAH, YEAH. FIRST OF ALL, TO THE
2 HONORABLE JUDGE HELEN BENDIX, CHAIR OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
3 ALTERNATIVES DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE WHICH OVERSEES--
4 THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR SHARING. WHICH OVERSEES THE SUPERIOR
5 COURT A.D.R. OFFICE, WHICH IS RECEIVING THREE AWARDS TODAY.
6 JUDGE? ALL RIGHT, JUDGE. CONGRATULATIONS. SCROLLS TO FOLLOW.
7 ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I WANT TO HAVE THE JUDGE STAND WITH
10 ME. RICHARD GUITTEREZ, WHO IS THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF THE
11 BILL HOBBS OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARD. RICHARD HAS
12 MEDIATED OVER 500 CASES, OFTEN PROVIDING MUCH- NEEDED
13 BILINGUAL SERVICES. RICHARD? [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** A LOT OF CAMERAS FLASHING. EVERYBODY GET
16 PICTURES? [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT, JULIE BRONSON IS THIS
19 YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING PROGRAM STAFF AWARD. AS
20 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ADR OFFICE, JULIE HAS BEEN A MAJOR FORCE
21 IN RECRUITING MORE THAN 2,000 VOLUNTEER MEDIATORS WHO DONATE
22 MORE THAN 27,000 HOURS OF TIME A YEAR, WHICH HAS LED TO A
23 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE USE OF MEDIATION THROUGHOUT THE
24 COURTS. JULIE? [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, CYNTHIA PASTERNAK, WHO WAS THE
2 MEDIATOR FOR THIS YEAR'S HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE OUTSTANDING
3 CASE AWARD, A BREACH OF GOOD FAITH. AN ATTORNEY AS WELL AS A
4 MEDIATOR, CYNTHIA SUCCESSFULLY AND CREATIVELY MEDIATED A
5 DISPUTE THAT INVOLVED COMPLEX RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ISSUES
6 BETWEEN A FAMILY AND A BUSINESS THAT PROVIDED SERVICES FOR
7 THEIR ELDERLY FATHER. CYNTHIA? [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JOINING US NEXT IS AVICE RIDLEY THOMAS,
10 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
11 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM AND HER OFFICE IS RECEIVING TWO
12 AWARDS TODAY. CONGRATULATIONS. WELCOME. THANK YOU. FIRST,
13 LENORE RITKIS IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE HONORABLE MENTION FOR
14 OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARD. LENORE HAS DONATED
15 THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF HER TIME AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING
16 RESOURCES OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. LENORE, CONGRATULATIONS. [
17 APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE HAVE ANISE BACKUS, CATRINE
20 OUTSOKIE, AND SOLOMON ROBINSON WERE THE VOLUNTEER MEDIATORS
21 ON THE OUTSTANDING CASE AWARD, A HEALTHCARE WORKPLACE DISPUTE.
22 THIS WAS AN ARRAY OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES THAT ADVERSELY
23 AFFECTED THE MORALE AND PRODUCTIVITY OF A 12-PERSON UNIT.
24 AFTER SIX MONTHS OF MEDIATIONS, A COMPLETE TURNAROUND
25 OCCURRED. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE HAVE ANTONIO JOHNSON. NEXT, WE
3 HAVE ANTONIO JOHNSON AS THIS YEAR'S OUTSTANDING YOUTH
4 VOLUNTEER. ANTONIO IS A STUDENT AT HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL, WAS
5 NOMINATED BY CENTINELA YOUTH SERVICES AS A PEER MEDIATOR.
6 ANTONIO IS TAKING GREAT INITIATIVE AT HIS SCHOOL TO ENCOURAGE
7 AND FACILITATE PEACEFUL RESOLUTIONS TO A NUMBER OF DISPUTES,
8 IMPROVING THE ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. ACCOMPANYING ANTONIO IS
9 KATHY DRIGONI, DEAN OF STUDENTS. DID I SAY THAT CORRECTLY,
10 KATHY? PRETTY CLOSE, HUH? [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MAXIM MALLIMEJAN IS BEING HONORED WITH AN
13 HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE OUTSTANDING PROGRAM STAFF AWARD,
14 NOMINATED BY THE LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL CENTER FOR CONFLICT
15 RESOLUTION. MAXIM HANDLES AN ABOVE AVERAGE CASELOAD, HAS A
16 STRONG RESOLUTION RATE, AND IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO
17 IMPROVE SERVICES TODAY. ALSO WITH US TODAY IS MARY GALLEGOS,
18 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR WELCOME. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE THAT'S OUR PRESENTATION. BUT,
21 AGAIN, I THINK WE NEED TO GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO
22 THESE MEDIATORS. THEY SAVED THIS COUNTY A GREAT DEAL OF TIME,
23 EFFORT, AND MONEY. SO THANK YOU TO ALL FOR ALL THAT YOU DO. [
24 APPLAUSE]

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1 SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: MICHAEL?

2

3 SUP. ANTONOVICH: MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S A
4 REAL PLEASURE TO BRING MY AUNT BEFORE US THIS MORNING, WHO IS
5 SISTER ST. GEORGE, WHO HAS HAD A GREAT IMPACT AND ROLE IN HER
6 CAREER. THIS IS HER 60TH ANNIVERSARY ORDINATION THAT'S TAKING
7 PLACE AND, AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE ON SATURDAY AT 2:00,
8 THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR HER AS WELL. AND SHE HAS
9 TOUCHED THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE VATICAN TO THE
10 COURTHOUSE AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE HER LEADERSHIP OVER THE
11 YEARS, AND WE HAVE A LITTLE-- LET ME GET MY NOTES. MICHAEL,
12 GIVE ME THE NOTES. AS I SAID, THIS IS HER 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF
13 ORDINATION INTO THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF ST.
14 JOSEPH'S RONDOLET[?]. SHE ENTERED THE CONGREGATION BACK IN
15 1943 AND WAS RECEIVED IN 1944 AND MADE HER FIRST PROFESSION IN
16 1946 AND HER FINAL PROFESSION IN 1947. SHE HAD A DISTINGUISHED
17 CAREER AS A PROFESSOR AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, WHERE SHE
18 WAS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH. SHE TAUGHT
19 THERE FOR 22 YEARS. SHE ALSO HAD THE ABILITY AND THE FORESIGHT
20 TO MOTIVATE A LOT OF PEOPLE BY ALSO TEACHING IN OTHER SCHOOLS
21 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SUCH AS ST. CECILIA'S,
22 SAINT MARY'S ACADEMY, QUEEN OF ANGELS HIGH SCHOOL AND DANIEL
23 MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS ALSO SERVED AS VICE PRINCIPAL AT
24 DANIEL MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ENGLISH
25 DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS AT QUEEN OF ANGELS HIGH SCHOOL. AND,



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1 CURRENTLY, SHE'S THE COORDINATOR OF THE DANIEL MURPHY CONVENT,
2 AND AS WE-- I SEE, IN THE AUDIENCE, IS NADIA PRICE, WHO IS OUR
3 CHAIRWOMAN OF THE DISABILITIES COMMISSION. HER CHILDREN WERE
4 STUDENTS-- IS IT DANIEL MURPHY AND THE MOUNT? DANIEL MURPHY
5 HIGH SCHOOL AND I CAME IN CONTACT WITH NADIA WHEN I READ ABOUT
6 HER IN A BOOK I HAD BEEN READING ON RELIGION AND SHE MENTIONED
7 THAT-- I MENTIONED THAT TO MY AUNT AND LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT
8 THAT WAS ONE OF HER STUDENTS' PARENTS. SO WE MADE CONTACT AND
9 NADIA IS COMING UP AS WELL. AND SO SHE HAS PROVIDED A LOT OF
10 SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. I KNOW IT'S BEEN ONE OF THE
11 CORNERSTONES OF MY LIFE AND MY FAMILY'S LIFE. SHE'S FALLEN
12 DOWN, THOUGH, WITH THAT SPIRITUAL SUPPORT BECAUSE THE DODGERS
13 STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO WIN THAT PENNANT THAT THEY'VE BEEN
14 TRYING TO WIN IN RECENT YEARS AND SHE'S A GREAT AVID L.A.
15 DODGER FAN. SO, AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO MY
16 AUNT SISTER ST. GEORGE THIS PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS ON BEHALF OF THE 10 MILLION CITIZENS OF THE GREAT
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY OF THE ANGELS. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SISTER ST. GEORGE:** AFTER THIS MORNING'S LIST OF HONOREES, I
21 DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT I'M DOING HERE EXCEPT GROWING OLD BUT I
22 THINK THIS IS A CASE OF REVERSE NEPOTISM. I UNDERSTAND,
23 THOUGH, THAT ANYONE APPEARING IN PUBLIC THESE DAYS HAS TO GIVE
24 A SORT OF RECORD OF THEIR SERVICE AND SO I SHOULD TELL YOU
25 THAT, WHEN I ENTERED THE NOVITIATE, THE MANUAL OF INSTRUCTION



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1 WAS A DIRECT STEAL FROM BOOT CAMP. AND, IF 48 YEARS IN THE
2 CLASSROOM DOESN'T QUALIFY AS MILITARY SERVICE, I DON'T KNOW
3 WHAT DOES. I WOULD THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR GIVING ME THIS
4 TIME AND I WOULD PRAY FOR THEM THAT THEY WOULD ADOPT FOR
5 THEMSELVES THE MOTTO OF A VERY GOOD HOTDOG MANUFACTURER,
6 NAMELY, HEBREW NATIONAL. THEY TURN OUT GOOD HOTDOGS BECAUSE
7 THEY ARE ANSWERABLE TO A HIGHER POWER AND I SUGGEST THAT THEY
8 WILL MAKE BETTER LAWS HERE AND ENFORCE BETTER PROGRAMS IF THEY
9 REMEMBER THEY ARE ANSWERABLE TO A HIGHER POWER. THANK YOU. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **NADIA PRICE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK
13 HERE AND I WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE HONOR TO REALLY
14 RECOGNIZE SISTER ST. GEORGE. SHE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF
15 THOUSANDS OF YOUNG STUDENTS. ONE OF THEM WAS MY YOUNGEST,
16 ROBERT. AND, TWO DAYS AGO, IT MUST STILL BE ON THE INTERNET,
17 ON YAHOO. IF YOU GO TO FINANCIAL NEWS, YOU'LL FIND THAT ROBERT
18 HAS JUST BEEN PROMOTED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF I.T.T. IN WHITE
19 PLAINS. THANK YOU, SISTER ST. GEORGE, FOR THE LIVES YOU'VE
20 TOUCHED. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SISTER ST. GEORGE:** I THINK I SHOULD TELL YOU ABOUT ROBERT.
23 ROBERT COULD NOT GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME SO, ONE MORNING, I
24 CALLED HIS FATHER AND I SAID, "MR. POWERS, DO YOU KNOW ANY WAY
25 YOU COULD GET YOUR SON TO SCHOOL ON TIME?" AND AFTER THAT,



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1 ROBERT CAME TO SCHOOL ON TIME. BUT, BECAUSE HE CAME TO SCHOOL
2 ON TIME, PERHAPS THAT'S WHY HE'S NOW A VICE PRESIDENT AT
3 I.T.T. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE'S ANOTHER-- JACKIE ST. JAMES, WHY DON'T
6 YOU EXPLAIN?

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8 **JACKIE ST. JAMES:** WELL, I'M A DISTANT PERSON. I GRADUATED FROM
9 MARY MOUNT PALOS VERDES, WHICH SISTER ST. GEORGE IS A PART OF,
10 YES. AND I'M PRESENTLY NOW AT U.C.L.A.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME TWO NEW
13 ADDITIONS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT HAVE BEEN POSTED
14 HERE RECENTLY AND THESE ARE TWO CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, WHICH IS
15 QUITE INTERESTING, TWO CHILDHOOD FRIENDS FROM TEXAS WHO ENDED
16 UP NOW COMING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SERVING IN TWO VERY
17 IMPORTANT FEDERAL AGENCIES. WE HAVE ANTHONY CHAPA, WHO IS THE
18 NEWLY APPOINTED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE UNITED STATES
19 SECRET SERVICE FOR LOS ANGELES OFFICE, AND RICHARD GARCIA, WHO
20 IS THE NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF
21 INVESTIGATIONS, LOS ANGELES OFFICE, THE F.B.I. IT WAS BACK IN
22 TEXAS THAT ANTHONY AND RICHARD WERE BOTH ENROLLED IN R.O.T.C.
23 AT THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN ANTONIO. THEY CROSSED
24 PATHS THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS AND, TODAY, THEIR APPOINTMENT
25 PLACES THEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. CHAPA WILL BE IN CHARGE OF



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1 MORE THAN 1,100 AGENTS AND OVERSEA PROTECTIVE SERVICES,
2 PROTECTIVE SERVICES, WHICH INVOLVE COMPUTER FRAUD,
3 COUNTERFEITING, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ELECTRONIC MONEY
4 TRANSFERS, FAKE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS. GARCIA WILL
5 SUPERVISE 1,100 EMPLOYEES, 670 OF THOSE ARE F.B.I. AGENTS IN A
6 40,000 SQUARE-MILE REGION WITH 18 MILLION PEOPLE AND THIS IS
7 GARCIA'S SECOND ASSIGNMENT IN OUR COUNTY WHERE, IN MAY OF
8 2001, HE HELPED SOLVE THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF THE FIVE-
9 YEAR-OLD SAMANTHA RUNYUN CASE AND SAMANTHA'S MOTHER WAS A
10 GRADUATE OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, IN
11 FACT, BUT HE HELPED SOLVE THAT CASE. SO, AT THIS TIME, WE
12 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THESE PRESENTATIONS, FIRST TO ANTHONY. [
13 APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND RICHARD? [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **ANTHONY CHAPA:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
18 FOR THIS RECOGNITION. THIS IS MY SECOND TOUR THROUGH L.A. AS
19 WELL. WHEN I STARTED MY CAREER WITH THE SECRET SERVICE, I
20 STARTED HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND SO THIS IS A RETURN VISIT AND
21 WE APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION. THIS RECOGNITION GIVES US A
22 CHANCE TO RECOGNIZE OUR FRIENDS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, ESPECIALLY
23 HERE IN THE COUNTY. IT GETS US A CHANCE TO RECOGNIZE OUR
24 AGENCY, THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND THE WORK WE DO FOR THE
25 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES, GIVES ME A CHANCE TO RECOGNIZE MY



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1 VERY GOOD FRIENDS AND MENTORS THAT HAVE GIVEN US THE
2 CONFIDENCE AND BOOST TO RISE TO THESE LEVELS OF SUPERVISION
3 WITHIN OUR AGENCY. AND THEN, FINALLY, TO THANK MY PARENTS, WHO
4 GAVE ME THE DIRECTION AND THE CONFIDENCE TO STAND BEFORE YOU
5 TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **RICHARD GARCIA:** HIS PARENTS AND MY PARENTS KNEW EACH OTHER,
8 TOO, SO-- I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD HERE AND THE COUNTY
9 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING TONY AND MYSELF. WE ARE HERE AS
10 PARTNERS BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL IN R.O.T.C., BUT NOW AS
11 PARTNERSHIP IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. ALONG WITH OUR OTHER
12 COLLEAGUES WE HAVE HERE TOO FROM THE VARIOUS AGENCIES THAT ARE
13 HERE REPRESENTING THEIR DEPARTMENTS AS WELL: A.T.F., THE
14 METROPOLITAN DETENTION CENTER, OUR EXECUTIVE STAFF FROM THE
15 F.B.I. AS WELL, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECRET SERVICE, THE
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND L.A.P.D. IT'S A PARTNERSHIP HERE IN
17 LOS ANGELES WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE
18 VARIOUS ISSUES THAT FACE THIS CITY, THIS COUNTY, AS WELL AS
19 THIS COUNTRY. AND, KNOWING TONY AS LONG AS I HAVE KNOWN HIM
20 AND THE THINGS THAT WE DEAL JOINTLY TOGETHER, I THINK THAT
21 WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO A LOT MORE THINGS BECAUSE WE KNOW EXACTLY
22 WHAT WE'RE THINKING BECAUSE WE CAME FROM THE SAME PLACE AND WE
23 HAVE THE SAME GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. IT'S A PLEASURE FOR US TO
24 BE HERE TO SERVE THIS CITY AND THIS COUNTY AND WE HOPE TO DO
25 THE BEST WE CAN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME MALCOLM

3 CAMPBELL, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LANCASTER

4 PUBLIC LIBRARY AND WE ALSO HAVE WITH US CHUCK BELADO, A

5 MANAGER OF THE LANCASTER LIBRARY. THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY,

6 THIS PAST SEPTEMBER, THE 400-MEMBER ORGANIZATION RAISED OVER

7 \$9,000 THROUGH THEIR SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE AND CONTRIBUTE

8 ANOTHER \$2,000 TO SUSTAIN THE LIBRARY'S PERIODICAL COLLECTIONS

9 DURING 2003. THEY OPERATE A BOOKSTORE INSIDE THE LIBRARY

10 THAT'S OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK. THEY RAISE BETWEEN SEVEN AND \$900

11 A MONTH. THEY COLLECT DONATIONS FROM THE LANCASTER COMMUNITY

12 FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF BOOKS TO BE PURCHASED FOR THE LIBRARY,

13 EITHER AS A GENERAL DONATION OR AS A MEMORIAL. IN CONJUNCTION

14 WITH WALDEN BOOKS, THE FRIENDS OF THE LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

15 PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE AUTHORS TO SPEAK, TO RECEIVE AN

16 AUDIENCE ABOUT THEIR BOOKS AND RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF SALES.

17 I SHOULD ALSO SAY THIS WAS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF

18 LOS ANGELES, THE LIBRARY, THE CITY OF LANCASTER, AND THE

19 SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE WE WORKED TOGETHER TO POOL OUR RESOURCES

20 TO BUILD A STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY WHICH SERVES THE

21 RESIDENTS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO, AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD

22 LIKE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO MALCOLM AND WISH HIM MANY

23 MORE YEARS OF THE HAPPY SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF ALL THOSE

24 BOOKS AND HELPING THOSE SHELFERS KEEP A JOB BY HAVING TO SHELF

25 THOSE BOOKS AS WELL. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **MALCOLM CAMPBELL:** I JUST WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR
3 RECOGNIZING US. ACTUALLY, FOR RECOGNIZING MY VOLUNTEERS THAT
4 PROVIDE BOOKS AND SO FORTH TO THE LANCASTER LIBRARY. THANK YOU
5 AGAIN. THANKS SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE FRIENDS OF
8 THE LANCASTER LIBRARY. LANCASTER LIBRARY IS ONE OF OUR BUSIEST
9 AND MOST HECTIC FACILITIES SO WE APPRECIATE EVERY DIME THAT
10 THE FRIENDS RAISE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE, FROM OUR
13 COUNTY FAMILY, OUR C.A.O., DAVID JANSSEN, CONSTANCE PERETT,
14 WHO IS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE EMERGENCY
15 MANAGEMENT, AND JOYCE HARRIS, WHO IS THE PROGRAM MANAGER OF
16 THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE, WHEN WE
17 ARE ATTACKED, BE IT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OR OUT IN THE
18 ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, THIS IS THE CENTER
19 WHERE ALL OF THE RESOURCES FROM PUBLIC SAFETY, FROM THE
20 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE WILL COME TOGETHER TO HELP IN
21 THAT EMERGENCY. IN 1989, THE COUNTY ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED
22 THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM AS MOST CALIFORNIANS LIVE
23 WITHIN 20 MILES OF A MAJOR ACTIVE EARTHQUAKE FAULT. IN THE
24 LAST 10 YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WE
25 HAVE EXPERIENCED NUMEROUS MAJOR EARTHQUAKES THAT HAVE CAUSED



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1 120 DEATHS AND OVER \$50 BILLION IN REPORTED DAMAGES AND LOSS.
2 THE EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH TO CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED TO
3 INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS REGARDING PROPER PROCEDURES TO
4 FOLLOW DURING AND AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE. THE YEAR-LONG
5 EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, KNOWN AS THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM,
6 IS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS AN EASY-TO-FOLLOW METHOD FOR
7 INDIVIDUALS, NEIGHBORHOODS, BUSINESSES, AND SCHOOLS TO PREPARE
8 THEMSELVES TO REDUCE INJURIES, LOSS OF LIFE, AND PROPERTY
9 DAMAGE DURING AN EARTHQUAKE OR OTHER HAZARD. I MIGHT ADD THAT
10 ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU HAVE AN
11 EARTHQUAKE, BY BEING PREPARED, IS TO HAVE A HAND- OPERATED CAN
12 OPENER, BECAUSE MANY TIMES ELECTRICITY WILL BE OUT AND THE
13 ELECTRIC CAN OPENER WILL NOT WORK. AND THEN HAVING THREE DAYS'
14 OF SUPPLY OF WATER, PLASTIC BAGS FOR SANITARY PURPOSES, AND
15 FOOD TO PROVIDE YOUR FAMILY AND YOURSELF WITH THAT FIRST AID
16 KIT ARE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO SURVIVE DURING A THREE-DAY
17 PERIOD AND ALSO YOUR NEIGHBORS, IN CASE THEY MAY NOT BE
18 PREPARED. SO, AT THIS TIME, LET ME MAKE THIS PROCLAMATION ON
19 BEHALF OF THE EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH, THAT WE WILL
20 ALWAYS BE PREPARED SO WE CAN MITIGATE ANY DISASTERS THAT COULD
21 OCCUR FROM THAT NEXT BIG ONE, WHICH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
22 [APPLAUSE]
23
24 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
25 BORROW ON THE WORDS FROM SISTER ST. GEORGE. IT WAS A



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1 PRIVILEGE, BY THE WAY, TO COME UP AFTER SUCH A FINE LADY WHO'S
2 DEDICATED HER LIFE TO SERVING OTHERS BUT SHE SAID A HIGHER
3 POWER AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE TWO VERY CLOSE HIGHER POWERS:
4 MY BOSS, DAVID JANSSEN, AND MY OTHER BOSS, SHARON HARPER. AND,
5 ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, I WANT TO SAY
6 TO YOU, THANK YOU FOR CONTINUALLY SUPPORTING US IN EMERGENCY
7 PREPAREDNESS IN THIS COUNTY. ALSO, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
8 ANTONOVICH. YOU MAY NOT REALIZE IT, BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
9 HAS BEEN A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF EARTHQUAKE AND EMERGENCY
10 PREPAREDNESS FOR WELL OVER 20 YEARS AND, EVERY YEAR, HE BRINGS
11 IN THE PROCLAMATION FOR EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH AND HE
12 PUTS HIS MONEY WHERE HIS MOUTH IS. HE MEANS IT. HE SUPPORTS US
13 THROUGH THE YOGI BEAR SCHOOL HOUSE AND WE CAN'T THANK THE
14 SUPERVISOR ENOUGH FOR WHAT HE DOES FOR US. FINALLY, I WOULD
15 LIKE TO INTRODUCE JOYCE HARRIS, WHO HAS BEEN MANAGING OUR
16 SURVIVAL PROGRAM FOR 15 YEARS AND IT HAS WON SO MANY AWARDS
17 THAT WE'VE LOST COUNT AND IT'S DUE TO HER EFFORTS. JOYCE,
18 WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING?

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20 **JOYCE HARRIS:** THANK YOU. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY, WE'D LIKE TO
21 ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL
22 PROGRAM. IT'S A WONDERFUL WAY TO GET PREPARED FOR ALL
23 EMERGENCIES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE EIGHT-WEEK-OLD BOY,
2 A LITTLE SHEPHERD MIX NAMED JOEY, WHO IS HERE LOOKING FOR A
3 HOME. LIKE THE MOVIE, MY PAL, JOEY, THIS IS LITTLE JOEY. WOULD
4 YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE F.B.I. OR THE SECRET SERVICE? HUH? SO
5 JOEY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME AND ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE THAT
6 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM OR IF YOU'RE WATCHING AT HOME, YOU CAN
7 CALL AREA CODE (562) 728-4644, AND LITTLE JOEY WILL BE YOURS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE, MIKE?

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11 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S IT.

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13 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT'S IT. WE CAN--
14 OKAY. WE BEGIN WITH DISTRICT NUMBER 1. DISTRICT NUMBER 2?
15 DISTRICT NUMBER 3? DISTRICT NUMBER 4? DISTRICT NUMBER 5? OKAY.
16 [CHAIR SINGING] I GUESS THAT'S WHY WE'RE NOT ON PRIME TIME,
17 HUH? THAT'S WHY WE'RE DELAYED TAPE. [LAUGHTER]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ZEV, DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND
20 BEGIN WITH YOUR ADJOURNMENTS? DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS BUSY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I KNOW YOU WERE, SIR. DO YOU WANT TO TAKE
25 THAT? THAT BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL PUPPY THERE.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF CHUCK NILES, LONG- TIME
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JAZZ DISK JOCKEY, KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY AS
"BE- BOP CHARLIE." AFTER A SONG WAS WRITTEN IN HIS HONOR, HE
PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76 FOLLOWING A RECENT STROKE. CHUCK
BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A MUSICIAN AND ACTOR AND SOON BECAME ONE
OF THE NATION'S PREMIER JAZZ ANNOUNCERS FOR A SUCCESSION OF
STATIONS INCLUDING THE OLD KBCA AND LATER KKGO, AND KLON IN
LONG BEACH, NOW KKJZ OF CAL STATE LONG BEACH, BECOMING THE
ONLY JAZZ DEEJAY WITH HIS VERY OWN STAR ON THE HOLLYWOOD
BOULEVARD WALK OF FAME. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NANCY
NEEDLE, DAUGHTER TRACY NEEDLE, AND...

14

SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: ZEV, IF I COULD JUST ADD, I'D LIKE TO JOIN
IN THAT ADJOURNMENT AS WELL. CHUCK, YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN A
STALWART IN THE JAZZ COMMUNITY FOR OVER 50 YEARS, AND, AS ZEV
SAID, HAD SONGS, BUT HE WAS A GREAT JAZZ HISTORIAN, HAD A
GREAT PROGRAM ON KKJZ. AS HE MENTIONED, KKJZ IS IN CAL STATE
LONG BEACH. AND HE DID GREAT OUTREACH WITH CHILDREN AND ALSO
KNOWN AS THE MINISTER OF COOL. HE WAS A GREAT GUY AND SO I'D
LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL, TOO.

23

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ALL RIGHT. I ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MY
COUSIN, HELEN GELB. HELEN WAS BORN IN MINNEAPOLIS AND, OUT OF



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1 HIGH SCHOOL, MOVED TO PALESTINE AND HELPED FOUND THE KIBBUTZ
2 KFAR BLUM, WHICH IS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL-- OR THE OLDEST, I
3 SHOULD SAY, IN THE KIBBUTZIM IN ISRAEL IN THE HULA VALLEY,
4 WHICH WAS, AT THAT TIME WAS A SWAMP, MALARIA- RIDDEN. SHE AND
5 HER HUSBAND, SAADIA, ALSO FROM MINNEAPOLIS, HELPED FOUND THAT
6 FARMING COMMUNITY AND DRAIN THE SWAMP AND TURNED IT INTO AN
7 AGRICULTURAL SUCCESS STORY. AND SHE PASSED AWAY LAST WEEKEND.
8 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 67 YEARS, SAADIA GELB, AND
9 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. THAT'S IT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MET HER IN ISRAEL.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MET HER WHEN YOU WERE THERE? YEAH. THAT
14 WAS HER THING. WHENEVER SHE'D SEE SOMEBODY FROM LOS ANGELES
15 WHO SAID, "DO YOU KNOW MY COUSIN, ZEV?" SHE-- THEY WERE
16 WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND GREAT-- YOU KNOW, THEY TALK ABOUT THE
17 GREATEST GENERATION. THIS IS PART OF THAT GENERATION. THEY
18 DREAMED BIG DREAMS AND THEN MADE IT HAPPEN. IT'S AN
19 UNBELIEVABLE STORY. ANYWAY, THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO BACK. YVONNE, DO YOU
22 HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS?

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. LEO DEJAN AND MR.
25 DEJAN PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 10TH. HE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT



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1 OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. AFTER HIS WIFE'S DEATH IN 1992, HE
2 LIVED WITH HIS DAUGHTER, GLYNIS, AND HER HUSBAND, JUDGE DION
3 MORROW, UNTIL HIS DEATH. SHORTLY AFTER HE JOINED THEIR
4 HOUSEHOLD, HE BECAME A VOLUNTEER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LADERA HEIGHTS SUBSTATION. HE CONTINUED
6 TO VOLUNTEER AT THAT SUBSTATION UNTIL LESS THAN TWO MONTHS
7 BEFORE HIS DEATH. FOR MANY YEARS, HE WAS THE OLDEST VOLUNTEER
8 IN THE SHERIFF'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. IN 2001, LEO WAS AUDIO AND
9 VIDEOTAPED BY THE LEGENDS OF JAZZ INSTITUTE FOR PERMANENT
10 EXHIBITION IN THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE AND, IN HONOR OF HIS
11 90TH BIRTHDAY, HIS BIOGRAPHY WAS ENTERED INTO THE
12 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD BY THE LATE CONGRESSMAN, JULIAN DIXON. HE
13 WAS A RENAISSANCE MAN WHO HAD A LONG, INTERESTING, PRODUCTIVE,
14 AND INSPIRING LIFE. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS SON,
15 LEO DEJAN, JR., HIS WIFE, KENNY, HIS DAUGHTERS, GLYNIS ANN
16 MORROW, AND HER HUSBAND, DION, DEBBIE MARIA STARKLY AND HER
17 HUSBAND, NEIL, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND
18 A HOST OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. AND ROXIE CAMPENELLA, THE
19 WIFE OF DODGER HALL OF FAME CATCHER, ROY CAMPENELLA, AND A
20 TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR VICTIMS OF SPINAL CORD INJURY, PASSED
21 AWAY OF CANCER SUNDAY AT THE AGE OF 77. HER DEATH LEAVES THE
22 DODGERS WITHOUT ONE OF THEIR MOST DEVOTED FANS. SHE NEVER
23 CONSIDERED SKIPPING TRIPS TO DODGER STADIUM AFTER HER HUSBAND
24 DIED IN 1993. SHE WAS ALONE, PERHAPS, BUT SHE WAS UNFAILINGLY
25 GREETED THERE BY A PARADE OF FANS, PLAYERS, COACHES, AND TEAM



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1 OFFICIALS. SHE WAS A BELOVED PRESENCE AT DODGER STADIUM AND
2 SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. SHE WAS ALSO A
5 STRONG ADVOCATE FOR RANCHO, AS WELL, TOO, AND APPRECIATE ALL
6 SHE DID.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** I WAS HOLDING ONE ITEM BUT...

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14 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN PULL IT UP, IF YOU'D LIKE. I
15 JUST WAS-- MIKE AND I CAN DO OUR ADJOURNMENTS LATER.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM 38.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM WHAT?

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** 38.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 38. WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE
24 PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. WHAT WOULD BE YOUR
25 PLEASURE? DO YOU WANT ANYTHING FROM THE PUBLIC FIRST?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO-- YES, LET'S HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC,
3 FIRST.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I WOULD ASK THAT JOHN SPAULDING, PAUL
6 FRAZIER-- FRAZIER, IS IT? FRAZIER OR FRANZEN, I'M NOT SURE,
7 AND JOE NELSON. IF THEY WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WHILE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD,
10 ON ITEM 71, WHICH IS A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON THE
11 SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ISSUE, I THINK THE REPORT IS SELF-
12 EXPLANATORY. I'D LIKE TO JUST-- AND IT'S PUBLIC. THE PORTION
13 OF IT THAT DEALS WITH LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE LAWSUIT
14 THAT'S BEEN FILED ON US, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE REFER IT TO
15 CLOSED SESSION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. SIT DOWN, PLEASE, AND
22 IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH JOHN, PAUL, THEN JOE.

23

24 **JOHN SPAULDING:** JOHN SPAULDING. GOOD MORNING, HONORED
25 SUPERVISORS. I'M JOHN SPAULDING. I'M A DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



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1 FOR THE OPERATIVE ENGINEERS, LOCAL 12, IN PASADENA. I'M HERE
2 ON BEHALF OF THE 23,000 MEMBERS OF LOCAL 12 AND BUSINESS
3 MANAGER, BILL WAGGONER. I'M HERE TO AGAIN BEFORE YOU, I SPOKE
4 ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE
5 OPPORTUNITY THEN, AS I DO NOW. THIS BID IS EXCESSIVELY LOW
6 AND, FOR A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT, SPEAKS TO THE QUESTION, WHAT
7 WILL IT REALLY COST? AS A RESIDENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF
8 THOSE MEMBERS THAT LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT
9 THAT COST. I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE ABILITY OF YOUR ONE
10 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OFFICER TO INVESTIGATE ANY DISCREPANCY OR
11 COMPLAINT IN L.A. COUNTY. IN MEETING WITH YOUR STAFF OF A
12 COUPLE OF THE SUPERVISORS, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT YOU ARE
13 CONCERNED ABOUT THE LIABILITY IN ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS WE
14 HAVE RAISED ABOUT BARNARD'S CONSTRUCTION. I AM AWARE THAT YOU
15 CAN ADDRESS THE EXCESSIVELY LOW BID, AND THOSE CONCERNS
16 RAISED, BY REJECTING ALL BIDS. YOU CAN ALSO ADDRESS THE FIVE-
17 YEAR CONTRACT RECOMMENDED, WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED, AS
18 NOT BEING FULLY FUNDED. YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT URGENCY HAS
19 ANSWERED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF IN THAT THIS WORK WILL NOT
20 BEGIN UNTIL AUGUST. WITH THE STAFF ENGINEERS' WORK IN PLACE,
21 THAT FOUR MONTHS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO ADDRESS THOSE
22 ISSUES THAT MOST CONCERN ME AND, HOPEFULLY, YOU. RESPONSIBLE
23 CONTRACT POLICY, LOCAL HIRING VERSUS OUT-OF- STATE WORKERS, A
24 FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT, 42% BELOW ENGINEERS' ESTIMATE,
25 APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING. AS I AM A DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR



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1 ALL OF L.A. COUNTY, I ASK EACH OF YOU TO CONSIDER ALL OF THOSE
2 RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY WHO WORK AND PAY TAXES IN L.A.
3 COUNTY. PLEASE CONSIDER RE-BIDDING THIS CONTRACT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

6

7 **PAUL FRANZEN:** PAUL FRANZEN, I'M PRESIDENT OF BARNARD
8 CONSTRUCTION. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU SEVERAL
9 WEEKS AGO AS WELL. AT THAT TIME, THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF
10 CONCERN ABOUT SEVERAL VIOLATIONS WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST WITH
11 THE PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS. I'VE DONE SOME HOMEWORK
12 SINCE THEN AND HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS INTERNALLY AS TO HOW
13 TO ADDRESS THAT. LOOKING BACK ON THE FOUR CONTRACTS WE'VE
14 PERFORMED FOR LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER UP AT
15 OWENS LAKE, WE'VE SPENT IN EXCESS OF \$28 MILLION ON PAYROLL UP
16 THERE. LOOKING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
17 VIOLATIONS, THE TOTAL BACK WAGES WE'VE HAD TO PAY HAS BEEN
18 AROUND \$40,000 AND, OUT OF \$28 MILLION, THAT'S A PRETTY SMALL
19 AMOUNT BUT, TO US, WE'VE TALKED IT OVER AND WE FEEL THAT'S TOO
20 MUCH TO BEGIN WITH SO WE'RE LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL STEPS WE CAN
21 DO TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE, IN FACT, PAYING THE CORRECT
22 PREVAILING WAGES. AND WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING, AS WE SIT DOWN
23 WITH L.A. COUNTY'S PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PEOPLE
24 PRIOR TO THE STARTING WORK AND ASSURING ALL PARTIES THAT WE
25 ARE, IN FACT, PAYING THE PROPER PREVAILING WAGES, WE'RE ALSO



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1 PROPOSING THAT WE'LL SIT DOWN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AT THE STATE LEVEL AND, AGAIN, REVIEW
3 PROPOSED WAGES AND ENSURE THAT WE'RE, IN FACT, PAYING THE
4 PROPER WAGES AND THEN, FINALLY, WE'VE HIRED AN INTERNAL HUMAN
5 RESOURCE WAGE SPECIALIST THAT'S BEEN WITH US FOR A YEAR AND A
6 HALF AND, IN THAT REGARD, AND WE'VE HAD NO VIOLATIONS IN OVER
7 A YEAR AND A HALF. SO WE BELIEVE OUR HOUSE IS IN ORDER AND
8 WILL BE IN ORDER IN THIS RESPECT. WE'VE, SUBSEQUENT TO THE
9 INITIAL VIOLATIONS, BEEN AWARDED TWO ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS WITH
10 L.A. D.W.P. THEY'VE REVIEWED ALL THESE PAST ALLEGATIONS AND SO
11 ON AND FELT WE WERE A RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR TO DO ADDITIONAL
12 WORK UP AT OWENS LAKE. IN ADDITION, WITH ALL FOUR CONTRACTS
13 THAT WE'VE PERFORMED FOR L.A. D.W.P., WE HAVE MET OR EXCEEDED
14 ALL MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOALS AND WOMEN BUSINESS
15 ENTERPRISE GOALS AND THAT CAN BE SAID OF VERY FEW CONTRACTORS
16 THEY'VE GOT WORKING ON THEIR CONTRACTS. IN ADDITION TO THAT,
17 THIS THURSDAY EVENING, WE'LL BE ACCEPTING AWARD FROM THE
18 GREATER LOS ANGELES AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR
19 OUR EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD. SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO AWARD THIS
20 CONTRACT. WE FEEL WE GAVE YOU A GOOD ADEQUATE NUMBER TO
21 COMPLETE THE WORK THAT'S ANTICIPATED IN THE CONTRACT AND LOOK
22 FORWARD TO PERFORMING THAT WORK. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOE?



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1 **JOE NELSON:** I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD BESIDES THE FACT
2 THAT THE WORK THIS YEAR REQUIRES US TO REMOVE APPROXIMATELY
3 ONE MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF SEDIMENT AND WE NEED TO GET STARTED
4 AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND PREFERABLY BEFORE, YOU KNOW, MAY
5 15TH IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT MUCH WORK IN THAT PERIOD OF
6 TIME.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CAN WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT,
13 PLEASE? THANK YOU.

14

15 **JOE NELSON:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME? THEY, YOU KNOW, THEIR
18 REQUEST WAS TO HAVE IT RE-BID BUT WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME? I
19 UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE SOME TIME FRAME ON THIS?

20

21 **JIM NOYES:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE JOB GETS
22 STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RESTORE THE CAPACITY OF THE
23 RESERVOIR TO HOLD FLOODWATERS. THERE'S WATER IN THE RESERVOIR
24 NOW. WE'VE BEEN DRAINING IT OUT SLOWLY FOR GROUNDWATER
25 RECHARGE PURPOSES. AS SOON AS THE WINTER SEASON ENDS, WE'LL



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1 FINISH THAT DRAINING PROCESS, THE MATERIAL WILL DRY OUT AND
2 WE'RE HOPEFUL TO HAVE THE CONTRACTOR IN THERE MID, LATE JUNE,
3 MID JULY, SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMITTING,
4 HE CAN PROBABLY WORK THIS FIRST YEAR UP UNTIL DECEMBER,
5 NOVEMBER. THAT'S OUR USUAL EXPERIENCE ON THESE TYPES OF
6 CLEANOUTS. WE ASKED FOR A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT BECAUSE OF THE
7 AMOUNT OF MATERIAL IN THE RESERVOIR. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A
8 FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO GET ALL THAT MATERIAL REMOVED.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I WOULD BE
11 CONCERNED ABOUT. WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS A LOW BID AND THEY
12 PLANNED TO COME BACK WITH CHANGE ORDERS. I THINK THAT WE
13 SHOULD KNOW IF THEY DO COME BACK WITH CHANGE ORDERS.

14

15 **JIM NOYES:** EXACTLY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WHAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT FOR CHANGE
18 ORDERS TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD? AND I ALSO THINK WE SHOULD
19 COME BACK IF THERE ARE VIOLATIONS THAT YOU FIND.

20

21 **JIM NOYES:** OH, WE WILL DEFINITELY DO THAT, SUPERVISOR. THE
22 DELEGATED AUTHORITY THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW FOR THE FLOOD
23 CONTROL DISTRICT PROJECTS IS \$10,000. ANYTHING UNDER \$10,000,
24 WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND, EVEN IF THERE'S THREE OR



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1 FOUR \$4,000 THAT EXCEED THE \$10,000, WE COME BACK WITH A
2 CHANGE ORDER REQUEST.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. SO ANY CHANGE ORDERS OVER \$10,000,
5 YOU'LL BE COMING BACK TO US?

6

7 **JIM NOYES:** IF YOU WISH, WE CAN LOWER THAT TO ZERO, IF THE
8 BOARD WISHES.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, I THINK \$10,000 IS A REASONABLE AMOUNT.

11

12 **JIM NOYES:** OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE OTHER ISSUE, OF COURSE, IS THE ISSUE IN
15 TERMS OF IF THERE ARE VIOLATIONS.

16

17 **JIM NOYES:** WE WILL NOTIFY THE BOARD IF WE FIND ANYTHING. WITH
18 ALL OF OUR CONTRACTS, BEFORE THE CONTRACT BEGINS, WE HAVE A
19 GOOD HEART-TO-HEART TALK WITH OUR CONTRACTORS ABOUT PAYING
20 PREVAILING WAGES. WE RELIGIOUSLY CHECK THEIR RECORDS. GIVEN
21 THE SITUATION AND THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS PROJECT, WE WILL
22 DOUBLE THOSE EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CONTRACTOR IS
23 ABIDING BY HIS REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYING PREVAILING
24 WAGES.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO MOVE ITS
2 APPROVAL BUT I CERTAINLY...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I GUESS THE ISSUE, FOR AN EXAMPLE, THE
5 PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY INDICATED HE'S WILLING TO MEET WITH
6 YOU IN REGARDS TO PREVAILING WAGES HERE AND, YOU KNOW, DEAL
7 WITH THOSE PARTICULAR ISSUES. IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM IN THAT,
8 IS IT A CONTINGENCY AWARD THAT WE DO TODAY? OR IS IT-- IF WE
9 WERE TO AWARD TODAY, AND IF THERE'S A PROBLEM, YOU COME BACK
10 TO US? OR DO WE WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE THAT MEETING?

11

12 **JIM NOYES:** NO. WHAT WE'VE ASKED FOR TODAY, SUPERVISOR, IS THAT
13 THE PROJECT BE AWARDED AND, IF YOU DO AWARD IT TODAY, WE ARE
14 FULL STEAM AHEAD. THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN THE CONTRACT WHICH
15 ALLOW FOR CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT IF THE CONTRACTOR
16 PERFORMS SUCH AN ACT THAT REQUIRE THAT AND I'LL DEFER TO MR.
17 WEISS ON ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS, IF YOU PREFER.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** ONE FINAL THING I DIDN'T INCLUDE. I UNDERSTAND
20 THEY'RE GOING TO BRING SOME OF EMPLOYEES FROM OUT OF STATE.
21 WILL THOSE EMPLOYEES BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME REQUIREMENT IN
22 TERMS OF PREVAILING WAGE?

23

24 **JIM NOYES:** YES.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IT WILL BE THE SAME WAGE THAT CALIFORNIA
2 EMPLOYEES WOULD RECEIVE?

3

4 **JIM NOYES:** THE SAME WAGE THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED UNDER THE
5 STATE LAWS, STATE REGULATIONS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IN YOUR MEETINGS, DO YOU ENCOURAGE THEM TO
8 HIRE LOCAL OR WHAT?

9

10 **JIM NOYES:** YES, SIR, WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WHAT HAPPENS IN A FIRM
11 LIKE THIS, WHICH IS A NATIONAL FIRM, THEY TYPICALLY HAVE A
12 CORE GROUP OF EMPLOYEES THAT KIND OF GO AROUND WITH THEM FROM
13 JOB TO JOB BUT THEY NEVER HAVE ENOUGH EMPLOYEES TO MEET THEIR
14 FULL NEEDS AND THAT'S WHEN THEY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL
15 COMPANIES TO PROVIDE THE-- WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THEY NEED IN
16 ORDER TO GET THE JOB DONE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WITH THE EXPRESS WILLINGNESS OF THE
19 COMPANY TO MEET WITH YOU, WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO
20 MEET WITH YOU AND THEN TO BRING THIS ITEM BACK IN ONE WEEK?

21

22 **JIM NOYES:** WE CAN DO THAT, SUPERVISOR, BUT WE'VE MET WITH THEM
23 ON THREE OR FOUR OCCASIONS ALREADY AND THEY UNDERSTAND THE
24 RULES AND THEY'RE WILLING TO ABIDE BY THE RULES.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US, THEN. OKAY.

2 IT'S BEEN MOVED. SECONDED. ANY OBJECTIONS?

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS VOTING

5 "NO" FOR THE RECORD.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I THINK I'LL ABSTAIN ON IT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AS NOTED, THEN, SO ORDERED. OKAY. DO

10 YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS YOU HELD?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK THAT WAS ALL I HELD.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL GO BACK NOW THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS

15 HERE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA? YOU WERE FIRST UP AND YOU WEREN'T

16 HERE, SO IF YOU HAD ANY ADJOURNMENTS OR...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE

19 MEMORY OF TICHI WILKERSON KASSEL, THE FORMER EDITOR AND

20 PUBLISHER OF THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER AND THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT

21 OF "WOMEN IN FILM." AFTER BECOMING HOLLYWOOD'S REPORTER'S

22 EDITOR AND PUBLISHER IN 1962, SHE OPENED FOREIGN BUREAUS AND

23 ADDED A FOCUS TO TELEVISION COVERAGE. TICHI ALSO LAUNCHED AN

24 ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE PAPER IN 1988. IN ADDITION TO "WOMEN

25 IN FILM," SHE HAS AIDED MANY WOMEN THROUGH THE FILM SCHOOL



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1 SCHOLARSHIP, HELPING GENERATIONS OF WOMEN PURSUE THEIR DREAMS.
2 WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO TEACHY'S FAMILY
3 AND FRIENDS. A VERY WONDERFUL WOMAN. WE WILL MISS HER.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
8 MEMORY OF NANCY GREENE, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. NANCY IS THE
9 CO-FOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS HERE IN
10 LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS A WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS
11 ACTIVIST. SHE'S ALSO THE-- FOUNDED THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ON
12 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, A FOUNDATION WHICH EDUCATED WOMEN
13 ABOUT MILITARY AND FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. IN 1961, NANCY
14 MARRIED LORNE GREENE, WHO PASSED AWAY IN 1987. WE WANT TO
15 EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ZEV WANTS TO JOIN IN. THAT'S ALL I HAD, MR.
20 CHAIRMAN.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? YOU ALREADY
23 DID YOUR ADJOURNMENTS. I HAVE SEVERAL. AS MENTIONED, I JOIN IN
24 ON CHUCK NILES' ADJOURNMENT AS WELL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY TODAY OF BLANCHE WEAVER LOWE, BELOVED MOTHER OF LONG-



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1 TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY FRIEND, BOB LOWE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
2 THE AGE OF 95 YEARS. SHE WAS A THIRD GENERATION CALIFORNIAN
3 AND AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE'LL BE
4 GREATLY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. BLANCHE IS SURVIVED BY
5 HER SON, ROBERT, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, ELIZABETH, SON, TOM AND FOUR
6 GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THERESA METRO, A DISABILITY RIGHTS
8 ADVOCATE WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 27TH. SHE SERVED HER
9 COMMUNITY FOR OVER 40 YEARS AS A ADVOCATE FOR DISABILITY
10 RIGHTS AND AS A STRUCTURAL BARRIER CONSULTANT TO THE CITIES OF
11 LONG BEACH AND LAKEWOOD. HER MANY ACHIEVEMENTS WERE RECOGNIZED
12 WITH AWARDS FROM THE MAYORS OF LONG BEACH, CERRITOS, LAKEWOOD,
13 TWO CALIFORNIA GOVERNORS AND, ON A NATIONAL LEVEL, BY
14 PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF THE
15 DISABILITY RESOURCES CENTER AND A FORMER RECIPIENT OF THE
16 DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER INDEPENDENT LIVING AWARD. SHE WILL
17 BE GREATLY MISSED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TYRONE
18 TOWNSEND, AN INTENSE COMPETITOR WHEN HE RAN TRACK FOR LONG
19 BEACH POLY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE EARLY '80S. HE'S BEEN A MENTOR
20 TO CHILDREN. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF, YOUNG AGE OF 40 YEARS.
21 HE WAS CHAIRPERSON, ASSISTANT COACH OF THE LONG BEACH YOUTH
22 TRACK CLUB. HE ENJOYED WORKING WITH KIDS AND MAKING A POSITIVE
23 IMPACT IN THEIR LIVES. HE SPONSORED CHILDREN'S MEALS AND TRIPS
24 TO LOCAL AND OUT OF STATE COMPETITIONS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY
25 HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KIM, HIS



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1 CHILDREN, THEODORE AND TAI, HIS PARENTS, CHARLES AND PATRICIA,
2 SISTERS, TASHA AND GRETA, BROTHER, VICTOR AND HIS NEPHEW,
3 JEFFREY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EMILIA SORIANO, WHO
4 PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK. SHE'S THE BELOVED MOTHER OF ESTER
5 SORIANO, WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND
6 SENIOR SERVICES. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSH
7 MERSHON, 19-YEAR-OLD, RESIDENT AND CITY OF WHITTIER PUBLIC
8 WORKS EMPLOYEE WHO DIED RECENTLY AND VERY TRAGICALLY IN AN
9 ACCIDENT WHILE AT WORK FOR THE SANITATION DIVISION. DESPITE
10 THE EFFORTS BY OUR PARAMEDICS, HE DIED AT THE SCENE. HIS CO-
11 WORKERS DESCRIBED JOSH AS A VERY PROMISING AND GIFTED YOUNG
12 MAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, JAMES AND NANCY, SISTERS,
13 JENNIFER AND SARAH. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS,
14 AND CO-WORKERS. SO ORDERED. ALSO, I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'M
15 GOING TO READ IN FOR NEXT WEEK. THIS IS A JOINT MOTION BY
16 MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA. "THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 FAIRGROUNDS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE THAT CAN AND
18 SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY DURING EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS. THIS 543-ACRE
20 SITE HAS CONSIDERABLE FLAT SPACE FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE,
21 AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITY AND IS STRATEGICALLY ACCESSIBLE BY
22 GROUND, RAIL AND AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM. THERE IS HISTORIC
23 PRECEDENCE FOR SUCH USE SINCE IT WAS A VITAL RESOURCE FOR
24 COORDINATION, ASSEMBLY AND TRANSHIPMENT OF WAR MATERIALS AS
25 WELL AS LOGISTICS AND TRAINING CENTER DURING WORLD WAR II.



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1 FAIRPLEX HAS DEVELOPED A HOMELAND SECURITY PILOT PROJECT GRANT
2 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH ITSELF AS A REGIONAL DISASTER
3 COORDINATION STAGING CENTER, THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
4 CONTIGUOUS CITIES AND COUNTIES, STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS CAN
5 USE TO SUPPORT RESPONSE AND LOGISTICS OPERATIONS AND OTHER
6 VITAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEEDS IN RESPONSE TO A TERRORIST
7 ATTACK INVOLVING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION OR WIDESPREAD
8 NATURAL DISASTER. THIS PROPOSAL SEEKS MULTI-YEAR HOMELAND
9 SECURITY GRANT FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AND
10 FACILITIES RENOVATIONS, ALONG WITH IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE
11 OVERALL MISSION OF ESTABLISHING THE FAIRPLEX AS A REGIONAL
12 DISASTER COORDINATION STAGING CENTER. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
13 SERVICES, FIRE DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND CAO'S
14 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES HAVE PROVIDED INPUT TO THIS
15 PROPOSAL AND SUPPORT ITS CONCEPTUAL USE OF FAIRPLEX FOR A
16 VARIETY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PURPOSES. IN ADDITION TO THE
17 VALUE ADDED FAIRPLEX INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS, THE
18 EMERGENCY PLANNING COORDINATION COMPONENT OF THIS PROPOSAL
19 SHOULD SERVE AS A PLANNING MODEL FOR OTHER LARGE VENUES HERE
20 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. POTENTIAL FOR TERRORIST ATTACK IN LOS
21 ANGELES MAKES THIS TYPE OF LARGE-SCALE VENUE SPECIFIC PLANNING
22 ESSENTIAL. SO WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD, ONE, APPROVE
23 THE FAIRPLEX REGIONAL DISASTER COORDINATION CENTER PILOT
24 PROJECT PROPOSAL AND, BASED ON FAIRPLEX'S SUCCESSFUL
25 ACQUISITION OF THESE FUNDS, INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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1 SERVICES, FIRE DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND CAO'S
2 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT THE NEXT PHASE OF
3 THE PROJECT PLANNING AND TO SHARE, TO AN APPROPRIATE DEGREE,
4 ANY AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR PROJECT PLANNING."
5 THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. I DIDN'T HOLD ANYTHING ELSE. WE DO HAVE,
6 LET'S SEE, ON ITEM 1, WE HAD HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.
7 LET ME SEE. ALL RIGHT. SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR. I'LL CALL HER UP
8 ON ITEMS 1, 4, AND 15, WHICH SHE HELD.

9

10 **SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SHIRLEY DIXON-
11 FARRIOR. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1. ON TWO PAST OCCASIONS, I
12 PRESENTED THE MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN'S
13 PLANNING COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION PACKETS. TO DATE, ONLY ONE
14 OF THEM, PRISCILLA CHARLES CARTER, HAS BOTHERED TO RESPOND.
15 ONE, PRISCILLA CHARLES CARTER. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4. ON
16 NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, I AND OTHER PARENTS HAVE PERMITTED-- HAVE
17 PETITIONED THE BOARD TO LOWER OR OMIT THE PARKING FEES AT THE
18 EDMUND D. EDLEMAN'S CHILDREN'S COURT. WE HAVE BEEN TOTALLY
19 IGNORED BY ALL OF YOU. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 15. FOR MANY MONTHS,
20 PARENTS AND OTHERS HAVE SAT HERE AND TOLD YOU OF THE HORRORS
21 THAT TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
22 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. IN RETURN, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT
23 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR USE WITHIN D.C.F.S.
24 WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LEARN THAT SOCIAL WORKERS AND THEIR
25 SUPERVISORS PREPARE FALSE EVIDENCE? AND WHEN ARE WE GOING TO



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1 LEARN THAT THESE SOCIAL WORKERS, THEIR SUPERVISORS AND ALL
2 THOSE INVOLVED IN PREPARING AND PRODUCING FALSE DOCUMENTS HAVE
3 BEEN FIRED? WHEN ARE WE GOING TO LEARN THAT ALL THOSE INVOLVED
4 IN COVER-UP SCHEMES HAVE BEEN FIRED? WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO
5 STOP USING TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO SUPPORT WRONGDOERS? THESE
6 PEOPLE DON'T DESERVE SALARIES NOR DO THEY DESERVE PROMOTIONS.
7 THEY ARE, IN FACT, BEING REWARDED, PAID FOR THEIR WRONGDOINGS.
8 THIS INCLUDES THE DIRECTOR. BEFORE YOU HIRED HIM AT A SALARY
9 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$200,000 A YEAR, DID YOU THOROUGHLY
10 CHECK HIS BACKGROUND TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD
11 PAY, SHOULD WE PAY THIS AMOUNT TO HIM? STOP USING TAXPAYER
12 DOLLARS TO SUPPORT WRONGDOERS. STOP THE FLOW OF MONEY INTO THE
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.
14 A FEW DAYS AGO, I RECEIVED THESE DOCUMENTS FROM A FAMILY
15 LOCATED IN HENNEPIN COUNTY IN MINNESOTA. DOES THAT RING A
16 BELL? TWO CHILDREN DIED UNDER THE WATCH OF DR. DAVID SANDERS.
17 TWO CHILDREN BURNED IN A HOUSE UNDER THE WATCH OF DAVID
18 SANDERS. ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS, DR. SANDERS IS A PART OF
19 THE COVER-UP, HE'S A PART OF THAT COVER-UP! WHEN ARE YOU GOING
20 TO STOP USING OUR FUNDS TO DESTROY FAMILIES?! I HAVE GIVEN YOU
21 JUST A SMALL EXCERPT OF THIS DOCUMENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE,
22 THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PARENTS IS
23 THERE. I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.
24
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR:** IF I WERE A FOSTER PARENT, YOU WOULD
3 ASK A QUESTION. THE LAST TIME A FOSTER PARENT SAT HERE...

4

5 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SHIRLEY DIXON-FARRIOR:** ...MRS. BURKE, YOU DIALOGUED WITH HER
8 BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIALOGUE WITH ME BECAUSE I HAVE THE
9 DOCUMENTS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY. WARREN WILLIAMS.
12 WARREN? IS WARREN HERE? OKAY. AND THEN YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY
13 ON ITEM 15. ON ITEM 1, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR
14 WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'D LIKE TO
18 ONLY SUPPORT WHAT SHIRLEY HAS SAID. UNFORTUNATELY, I WASN'T
19 ABLE TO GET TO THE CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY BUT I DO KNOW THAT
20 AN EX-F.B.I. AGENT WE WERE JUST, YOU KNOW, GIVEN THE MOST
21 RECENT SUPPORT AND PRAISES OF THE F.B.I. AND THE SECRET
22 SERVICE AND THE C.I.A. I MEAN, I HAVE TO REPRESENT PEOPLE THAT
23 HAVE BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED, EXPERIMENTED ON, HARASSED,
24 SURVEILLED, UNNECESSARILY CHARGED, FALSELY INCRIMINATED AND
25 DEMONIZED BY THESE PEOPLE. THEY'RE NOT ONLY WHITE



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1 SUPREMACISTS. THERE ARE SOME CAUCASIANS THAT ALSO GET FALSELY
2 ACCUSED IF WE HAVE PARENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ABUSED BY THESE
3 PEDOPHILES. ON SATURDAY, AN F.B.I. AGENT SPOKE AND HE'S NOT
4 CRAZY BECAUSE HE'S AN EX-F.B.I. AGENT, HE SAID THAT MANY OF
5 THE CHILDREN IN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND FOSTER CARE ARE
6 TAKEN, THEY'RE TAKEN OUT OF THE STATE, THEIR BIRTH AND THEY'RE
7 RITUALIZED OR THEY'RE TAUGHT, THEY'RE TRAINED, THEY'RE
8 RITUALISTICALLY ABUSED BY THESE VERY, VERY WEALTHY
9 POLITICIANS, IF YOU WILL, DOCTORS, LAWYERS, JUDGES. I'VE BEEN
10 SAYING THAT FOR MONTHS. I MEAN, WHEN ARE YOU PEOPLE GOING TO
11 TAKE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY OR SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRUTH
12 OF THE TESTIMONIES THAT SHIRLEY, WARREN, CANDACE, MERITT AND
13 SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE BROUGHT BEFORE YOU? I
14 NOTICE, YOU KNOW, WHEN CHILDREN DIE AT THE HANDS OR WHEN THEY
15 DIE IN THEIR BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES, YOU'RE READY TO REVEAL THAT,
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH OR SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BUT, IN THE FOSTER
17 CARE, I SUPPOSE YOU ALL ARE A PART OF THOSE SKULL AND BONES
18 MASONIC GROUPS THAT ARE RITUALIZING, ABUSING, DRINKING OF OUR
19 CHILDREN AND EATING THEIR FLESH. BECAUSE THAT'S HAPPENING.
20 U.C.L.A., THANK GOD, GOT EXPOSED. I'M NOT CRAZY. I'M NOT THE
21 MACABRE, SADISTIC, YOU KNOW, PERPETRATOR HERE. I'M EXPOSING IT
22 AND I HAVE SOME DOCUMENTS FOR YOU TO REVIEW. IF YOU'D LIKE TO
23 READ A BOOK CALLED BEHOLD THE PALE HORSE, WILLIAM COOPER WROTE
24 THAT BOOK, AND HE WAS MURDERED BY THE F.B.I. BECAUSE HE
25 EXPOSED THE SECRET SOCIETIES THAT ARE RITUALIZING, THAT ARE



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1 ABUSING OUR CHILDREN AND VICTIMIZING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY
2 THAT DARE TO EXPOSE IT. I'M AGAINST YOUR AUGMENTING THE
3 SALARIES OF SOCIAL WORKERS WHO CONTINUE TO LIE. THEY CONTINUE
4 TO FALSIFY EVIDENCE. THEY CONTINUE TO COMMIT PERJURY. THEY
5 CONTINUE TO HIDE EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE THAT WOULD FREE US FROM
6 GUILT. THEY CONTINUE TO OBTAIN TESTIMONY UNDER DURESS. HOW
7 COULD YOU EVEN CONSIDER TO AUGMENT OR INCREASE THEIR SALARIES
8 WHEN YOU HAVE TESTIMONIES THAT WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE OR WOULD
9 EVEN PROVE THAT THEY MERIT AN INCREASE? THEY SHOULD BE
10 DISCIPLINED. THEY SHOULD BE FIRED. AND THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT
11 UP ON CRIMINAL CHARGES AND THEY SHOULD BE PUT IN JAIL. THERE
12 SHOULD BE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE
13 COVERING UP THESE DEATHS AND ALSO WHO ARE INCRIMINATING
14 INNOCENT PARENTS. THAT'S NOT THE END OF MY COMMENTS. JUST FOR
15 THE RECORD, LAURA KIM SIGNED OR FORGED MY SIGNATURE WHEN MY
16 BABY WAS RELEASED. SHE SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED. ALSO, JUDGE
17 MARGARET S. HENRY OF EDELMAN COURT, BECAUSE SHE'S ALSO-- SHE
18 DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE TO-- WELL, SHE'S ACTUALLY--
19 SHE DENIED ME HEARINGS. SO I JUST, FOR THE RECORD, I JUST WANT
20 THOSE TWO NAMES ON THE RECORD AND I HOPE THAT YOU DON'T
21 AUGMENT THE SALARIES OF THOSE SOCIAL WORKERS.

22

23 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU HAVE THEM. THEY'RE A
24 PART OF THE RECORD.

25



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1 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP ON CHARGES,
2 THEY SHOULD BE CRIMINALLY CHARGED AND THEY SHOULD BE PENALIZED
3 ACCORDINGLY.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEMS 4 AND 15, THEN, MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY WHEN WE ADJOURN, THAT
10 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACK ABDULIAN, WHO WAS, FOR ALMOST 50
11 YEARS, A PHYSICIAN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SPECIALIZING IN
12 GENERAL SURGERY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE WAS THE
13 FIRST ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL TO BE AWARDED THE ST. NERSES
14 GRACEFUL MEDAL FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE BY THE LATE, HIS
15 HOLINESS KAREKIN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JOYCE, AND THREE
16 CHILDREN AND SIX SIBLINGS. ALSO VERDIA MAY HICKAMBOTTOM
17 ARNOLD, WHO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN TO RECEIVE A
18 FULL COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND THE FIRST WOMAN
19 OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, RISING TO THE RANK OF
20 MAJOR. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 ON MARCH 4TH. IN 1943, SHE
21 ENLISTED IN THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORPS, THE WACS, AND
22 RECEIVED A DIRECTION COMMISSION AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE
23 UNITED STATES ARMY. THEN, IN 1947, SHE JOINED THE NEWLY
24 ESTABLISHED U.S. AIR FORCE. SHE SERVED A DISTINGUISHED 20-YEAR
25 MILITARY CAREER DURING WHICH SHE RECEIVED MANY DECORATIONS AND



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1 MEDALS, INCLUDING WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL, KOREAN SERVICE
2 MEDAL AND AIR FORCE LONGEVITY MEDAL. FOLLOWING HER MILITARY
3 SERVICE, SHE RETURNED TO PASADENA, WHERE SHE REMAINED ACTIVE
4 IN A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE AMERICAN LEGION,
5 POST 13. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, SISTER-IN-LAW, FIVE
6 COUSINS AND WAS AUNT TO FIVE. ALSO, NICHOLAS...

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT. (INDISTINCT)

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, AND, YOU KNOW, DOLORES, WHO WORKED FOR
11 SENATOR SCOTT. SHE JUST LOST HER HUSBAND AS WELL. SHE KNEW DR.
12 HICKAMBOTTOM, WHO WAS ON THE PASADENA SCHOOL BOARD. WE
13 ADJOURNED IN HIS MEMORY, I BELIEVE IT WAS LAST WEEK. NICHOLAS
14 MLAGENOVICH, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY, A
15 CONTRACTOR IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA FOR MANY YEARS, DIED AT THE
16 AGE OF 98 ON MARCH 8TH. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE
17 CHILDREN. TICHY WILKERSON KASSEL, WHO HAS BEEN ALREADY MOVED
18 TO ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY, WHO WAS THE FORMER EDITOR AND
19 PUBLISHER OF THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY
20 HER HUSBAND, ARTHUR, AND TWO CHILDREN AND A SISTER. QI SHAN
21 FENG. QI SHAN FENG IS THE FATHER OF CHARLIE FENG, WHO PASSED
22 AWAY MARCH 10TH AT THE AGE OF 93. HE IS SURVIVED BY FIVE
23 CHILDREN AND HIS FUNERAL WILL BE THURSDAY AT ROSE HILLS AT
24 10:00. SYLVAN "BUDDY" DAROCA, JR. HE WAS A SENIOR SUBCONTRACT
25 ADMINISTRATOR FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS WITH LOCKHEED AND QUITE



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1 ACTIVE IN THE MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE HOLY
2 NAME SOCIETY AND COORDINATOR OF MANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES. HE IS
3 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NATHALIE, AND THEIR SIX CHILDREN.
4 CLIFFORD DURKEE, RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF RESERVE
5 FOR OVER 30 YEARS, WAS ACTIVE IN THE MONTEBELLO WHITTIER
6 MASONIC LODGE AND THE WHITTIER YORK RITE BODIES. HE PASSED
7 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. AND HE OWNED AND OPERATED HIS OWN HORSE
8 STABLES IN OUR COUNTY. ROBBIE DERKY. ROBBIE HALL, LONG-TIME
9 ARCADIA RESIDENT, SERVED AS A DELEGATE TO THE REPUBLICAN
10 NATIONAL CONVENTION, WAS VERY ACTIVE ON THE REPUBLICAN
11 NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN AND THE ARCADIA REPUBLIC WOMEN'S
12 FEDERATED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER EIGHT CHILDREN. J. CHARLES
13 HOFMANN, RENOWNED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT KNOWN FOR HIS CREATIONS
14 OF CUSTOM AND UNIQUE DESIGNS. OF NOTE, HE DESIGNED THE MASTER
15 PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE CAMPUS. HE WAS
16 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY IN SAN MARINO AREA. HE IS SURVIVED BY
17 HIS WIFE, NANCY, AND TWO CHILDREN. AND LORAIN SLADE THORPE,
18 THE MOTHER OF MARK THORPE, FROM L.A. AIRWAYS, WHO IS A LIAISON
19 TO OUR OFFICE. SHE WAS A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND SHE IS
20 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND THEIR SIX CHILDREN AND NINE
21 SIBLINGS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

22
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE SOMEBODY HERE FROM THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT? ON ITEM NUMBER 62.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE ANYONE HERE FROM THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT, ITEM 62?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, ON COUNTY COUNSEL. ON THIS ISSUE, TO
8 ASSIST THE SHERIFF RECOVER A PORTION OF THOSE MEDICAL COSTS
9 FOR OUR INMATES, IT'S UNCLEAR WHETHER THE INMATE LOSES THEIR
10 ENTITLEMENT UPON ARREST OR CONVICTION AND. IF THE LOSS OF
11 ENTITLEMENT IS AT ARREST, THEN WE OUGHT TO PURSUE A
12 MODIFICATION OF LEGISLATION SO THAT ENTITLEMENT IS LOST AT
13 TIME OF CONVICTION, NOT ARREST. AND IF A LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT
14 IS AT CONVICTION, THEN THE SHERIFF SHOULD RESEARCH THE
15 FEASIBILITY AND THE STEPS TAKEN TO BE NECESSARY TO RECOVER
16 THOSE MEDICAL COSTS FOR THE PERSON FOR THE PERIOD FROM ARREST
17 TO CONVICTION. AND I ASK COUNTY COUNSEL, AT WHAT POINT DOES AN
18 INMATE LOSE ENTITLEMENT RIGHTS TO PUBLIC BENEFITS? IS IT UPON
19 ARREST OR CONVICTION?

20

21 **ASS'T. COUNTY COUNSEL:** WE BELIEVE IT'S AT CONVICTION BUT THIS
22 IS SOMETHING WE WOULD NEED TO LOOK INTO.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CAN EXPLORE? I MEAN, HERE BECAUSE THE
2 COUNTY IS SUBSIDIZING A LARGE SUM OF DOLLARS, WHEREAS PERHAPS,
3 YOU KNOW, WE RECOVER SOME OF THOSE FUNDS.

4

5 **ASS'T. COUNTY COUNSEL:** I'M SORRY. I ACTUALLY MISSPOKE. I
6 BELIEVE IT'S AT ARREST BUT, AGAIN, WE'LL NEED TO LOOK INTO IT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF UPON A CONVICTION, COULD THE SHERIFF
9 LEGALLY RECOVER MEDICAL COSTS INCURRED FROM ARREST TO TIME OF
10 CONVICTION?

11

12 **ASS'T. COUNTY COUNSEL:** AGAIN, THIS IS AN ISSUE WE CAN LOOK
13 INTO.

14

15 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** PARDON?

16

17 **ASS'T. COUNTY COUNSEL:** WE CAN LOOK INTO THIS.

18

19 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'LL APPROVE THIS ITEM BUT PERHAPS
20 WE COULD HAVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND
21 C.A.O. WORK TO COME UP WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS OR-- TO THIS
22 POLICY. IF IT CAN BE INTERNALLY DONE, FINE. IF NOT, THEN WE
23 CAN WORK COOPERATIVELY FOR STATE LEGISLATION FOR A CHANGE. SO
24 I MOVE THE ITEM WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS MOVED. CHAIR WILL SECOND.
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN THE LAST ITEM THAT I HAD HELD WAS--
7 DEALT WITH-- TO ACQUIRE A PLASMA TELEVISION. SO LET ME ASK THE
8 C.A.O., WHY DO WE NEED A PLASMA TELEVISION TO BE IN THE
9 BOARDROOM?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS, I THINK THERE ARE
12 A NUMBER OF REASONS TO DO THIS. THE FIRST ONE, I THINK, HAS TO
13 DO WITH TREATING THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE AUDIENCE THE SAME
14 AS PEOPLE THAT WATCH THE BOARD ON TELEVISION. THEY NOW, IF
15 THEY'RE WATCHING ON TELEVISION, CAN SEE WHAT THE VOTES WERE ON
16 THE BOARD, THEY KNOW WHAT ITEMS THE BOARD IS ON. IT MAY COME
17 AS A SURPRISE TO EVERYONE HERE BUT, OCCASIONALLY, BOARD
18 MEETINGS ARE CONFUSING TO FOLLOW FOR PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE.
19 THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT ITEM THAT WE'RE ON, THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT
20 THE VOTES OF THE BOARD WERE, BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY IN THIS
21 BOARD ROOM TO DISPLAY THAT INFORMATION. SO I THINK IT'S VERY
22 CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUS ACTIONS OF YOUR BOARD AND I
23 THINK, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT WAS YOUR MOTION THAT LED TO
24 THE REPORTING OF VOTES ON TELEVISION CONSISTENT WITH OPENING
25 UP THE BOARD MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC, BOTH WHO WATCH IT ON THE



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1 INTERNET OR ON T.V. AND THOSE THAT ARE IN THE AUDIENCE. IF
2 THERE WAS A CHEAPER WAY TO DO THIS, WE CERTAINLY WOULD WANT TO
3 TRY TO FIND A CHEAPER WAY TO DO IT BUT I DO THINK IT IS
4 CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS ACTIONS AND I DEFINITELY RECOMMEND
5 THAT THE BOARD TAKE THIS ACTION TO IMPROVE ACCESS OF THE
6 PUBLIC TO BOARD MEETINGS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I REMEMBER WHEN THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE
9 A BRIEF FILED IN SUPPORT OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH
10 WAS ABOUT 10 TO 15,000-DOLLAR APPROPRIATION. THERE WAS GREAT
11 CONSTERNATION AND CONCERN THAT THIS WAS A MISUSE OF-- LET'S
12 SAY, WITH TIGHT BUDGETS, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO SPEND
13 THOSE APPROPRIATIONS AND I KNOW ON MY RIGHT HERE, WE HAVE A
14 SCREEN THAT DOES PROVIDE THE VOTING OF MEMBERS WHEN THE
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICE STATES THE VOTES THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED. AND I
16 ALSO KNOW THAT THE BODY HERE, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OR YOUR
17 OFFICE, ACQUIRED A PLASMA T.V. WHICH IS OUTSIDE IN THE FORUM
18 THERE. THAT COULD BE USED. BUT I JUST THINK, IN THESE TIMES,
19 AS OF TODAY, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HOLD OFF ON THIS ITEM UNTIL
20 WE SEE WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR, THE SCREEN OUTSIDE
23 IS, IN FACT, ANOTHER ADDED BENEFIT BUT, OBVIOUSLY, THE PEOPLE
24 INSIDE HAVE NO WAY TO SEE THAT SCREEN.

25



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1 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** YOU COULD BRING IT IN.

2

3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND I DO THINK IT'S A MINIMAL EXPENSE TO
4 ADVANCE THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE BOARD DOES. I
5 DON'T FRANKLY SEE WHY ALL BOARD VOTES AREN'T TALLIED ON A
6 BOARD AND WE CAN'T DO IT ON THAT, I UNDERSTAND, THAT'S A
7 TRANSCRIPT OF THE BOARD ACTIONS AND THAT MAY BE THE NEXT STEP,
8 THAT WE TALLY ALL THE BOARD VOTES VISUALLY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL WE NEED TO DO IS TO HAVE THE BOARD VOTE
11 ORALLY ON EVERY ITEM OR HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR THE
12 CHAIRMAN SAY, "THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS" OR-- I MEAN, THERE'S
13 ONLY FIVE OF US. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE 80 PEOPLE HERE, LIKE
14 IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY OR 40 IN THE STATE SENATE.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR BUT I BELIEVE MOST
17 JURISDICTIONS, EVEN THOSE WITH FIVE, WE CERTAINLY DID IN SAN
18 DIEGO, WE HAD AN ELECTRONIC TOLL AND PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO SEE
19 VISUALLY WHAT THE VOTE WAS OF THE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND WE
20 DON'T DO THAT HERE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ELECTRIC BOARD RIGHT OVER HERE AND IT'S GOING
23 TO REPORT EVERYTHING THAT WE SAY SO WHEN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
24 WOULD SAY THAT THE VOTE IS 5-TO-0, IT'S UNANIMOUS, OR MR.
25 ANTONOVICH VOTE AYE OR MR. ANTONOVICH VOTED NAY OR SUPERVISOR



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1 KNABE OR ANY OF THE OTHER SUPERVISORS, HOW THEY VOTED. IT'S
2 RIGHT THERE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST-- MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANT TO MAKE
8 SURE ON THE C.A.O., THAT THIS IS GIVING YOU AUTHORITY UP TO
9 THIS AMOUNT BUT IF YOU CAN FIND A LESS EXPENSIVE WAY...

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IF WE CAN FIND A CHEAPER WAY TO DO IT, WE PLAN
12 TO DO IT CHEAPER.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK I GAVE YOU A LEAD ON THAT
15 SO...

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
20 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. ARE YOU VOTING "NO", MIKE?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTING "NO". SO
25 ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S IT, MR. CHAIRMAN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I BELIEVE THAT IS ALL THE HELD
5 ITEMS. WE HAVE SOME SET ITEMS WE HAVE. WE'RE JUST A FEW
6 MINUTES LATE. THE S-2, HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF
7 THE WHOLE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE C.A.O., COUNTY
10 COUNSEL.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND SO IS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
13 HERE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION? OKAY. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OKAY. SUPERVISORS, WE'RE HERE TO UPDATE YOU
16 ON OUR BUDGET. IN GENERAL, OUR BUDGET REMAINS VERY SIMILAR TO
17 THE PAST, ALTHOUGH OUR PROJECTED SHORTFALL BY 2007/'08 HAS
18 INCREASED FROM 655 TO 740. THE TWO-- THE MAJOR REASONS FOR
19 THAT RELATE TO ANTICIPATED REDUCTION IN VEHICLE LICENSING FEES
20 BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS THAT THE C.A.O. HAS GIVEN US AND SOME
21 CHANGES IN THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COST OVER THE FORECAST PERIOD.
22 WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THE CHALLENGE OF TRYING TO ESTIMATE OUR
23 BUDGET FORECAST IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT,
24 BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN SACRAMENTO, AND ALL I CAN SAY IS
25 THAT WE'RE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE REDESIGN OF THE MEDICAID



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1 WAIVER PROCESS FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WHICH THE GOVERNOR
2 HAS PROPOSED AND WOULD HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND PERHAPS
3 INFLUENCE THAT PROCESS SO THAT THE COUNTY IS AS STABLE
4 FINANCIALLY AS POSSIBLE. THANKS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS PARTICULAR
7 POINT OR AT THIS-- CONTEND WITH THIS UPDATE AS WE MOVE
8 FORWARD?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** JUST A STATUS REPORT ON WHERE WE ARE AT THIS
11 POINT. IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IT'S UP AND DOWN.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE BUDGET-WISE.
14 RIGHT?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE CERTAINLY DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE WITH
17 RESPECT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT IS CORRECT, AND WE
18 WON'T KNOW FOR A COUPLE MORE MONTHS.

19

20 **SUPERVISOR MOLINA:** A COUPLE MORE MONTHS?

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. 'TIL AFTER MAY REVISE, I THINK, THE
23 STATE WON'T GET REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THE BUDGET.

24



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1 **SUPERVISOR MOLINA:** THERE WAS SOME PROSPECTS THAT MAYBE THIS
2 GOVERNOR WAS GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERFACE WITH
3 COUNTIES. IS THAT...

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE IS A MEETING, ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR
6 MOLINA, THERE IS A MEETING TOMORROW BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND
7 THE OFFICERS OF C.S.A.C. THE GOVERNOR IS SPEAKING TO THE
8 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE TOMORROW OF C.S.A.C. NO GOVERNOR HAS
9 EVER DONE THAT BEFORE AND WE SHOULD HAVE A MEETING SET WITH
10 THE GOVERNOR AND THIS BOARD HOPEFULLY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO
11 THREE WEEKS. AND SO THE ENGAGEMENT HAS STARTED, THEY'RE
12 LISTENING. THAT DOESN'T GENERATE MONEY BUT IT'S A START.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S ACTUALLY A FIRST TIME A GOVERNOR HAS
15 SPOKEN IN FRONT OF C.S.A.C. IN A LONG, LONG TIME, AND HE HAS
16 AGREED TO MEET WITH THE OFFICERS OF C.S.A.C. NOT THE EXECUTIVE
17 COMMITTEE BUT THE ACTUAL OFFICERS...

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OFFICERS THEMSELVES, RIGHT.

20

21 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** ...TOMORROW AS WELL SO GOOD SIGN, AT
22 LEAST. PROGRESS THAT THEY'RE LISTENING. OKAY? ANY OTHER
23 QUESTIONS? I MEAN, WE'VE GOT 'EM BOTH HERE. I MEAN, LET'S GO.
24 OKAY. THANK YOU. ZEV, ON ITEM 71, DID YOU REFER THAT WHOLE
25 THING TO CLOSED SESSION? OKAY. ON THE LEGAL ISSUES?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT I WANT TO DO IS I MOVED TO RECEIVE,
3 NOTE AND FILE THE BULK OF IT. THE PART THAT DEALS WITH THE
4 LAWSUIT THAT'S BEEN FILED AGAINST US, I MOVED INTO CLOSED
5 SESSION. THAT SHOULD BE THE MOTION. I DIDN'T DO IT THAT WAY
6 BEFORE BUT I UNDERSTAND THE REPORT BETTER NOW. SO I MOVE THAT
7 WE REFER THE LITIGATION PIECE OF IT TO CLOSED SESSION AND, THE
8 BALANCE OF IT, WE NOTE AND FILE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WE'LL TAKE THAT BEFORE WE HAVE
11 PUBLIC COMMENT, THEN, ON ITEM-- DO WE WANT TO DO THAT WHEN WE
12 COME BACK, THEN, AFTER WE DO THE LEGAL ISSUES? DO WE DO IT
13 NOW? OKAY.

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15 **SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE IT.

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17 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVE.

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE NOTE AND FILE THE REPORT.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JUST RECEIVE AND FILE.

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23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RECEIVE AND FILE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT. WILLIAM
3 SEELIG. DAVID HUERTA, VERNON RATLIFF. THE FIRST THREE. IF
4 THEY'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

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6 **BILL SEELIG:** MY NAME IS BILL SEELIG AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF
7 THE INSTITUTE OF HUMAN SCIENCES AND I'M WORKING WITH ENERGY
8 AND POWER APPLICATIONS AND I GO TO EVERY MEETING FOR THE
9 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CAL, SECOND WEEK, AND I GO
10 TO THEIR PLACE. THEY GOT A BIG TOTE BOARD SO THEY MUST HAVE
11 MORE MONEY BECAUSE THEY HAVE PLASMA SCREENS ALL OVER THE
12 PLACE. ANYWAY, I GO THEIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND
13 ALSO THEIR BOARD MEETINGS AS WELL AS THEIR COMMITTEE MEETINGS,
14 AND I, ACTUALLY, YEARS AGO, USED TO WORK FOR BOB SKINNER WAY
15 BACK IN 1965, '75, FOR THE MET. I WORKED FOR PRIDE ENTERPRISE,
16 FOR ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES AND EVERYTHING ELSE BUT I'M NOW
17 WORKING FOR NOTHING. BUT WHAT I BROUGHT TODAY IS THREE PAPER
18 INFORMATION PROPOSALS. ONE IS THE PLAN I HAD BACK IN 1983/'85
19 FOR WATER FROM CANADA. THE OTHER ONE IS THE IDEA WHICH KENNETH
20 HAHN HERE ON WATER FROM COLUMBIA RIVER. SO WHAT WE'RE DOING
21 NOW IS COMING UP WITH MANY SUGGESTED PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNOR
22 SCHWARZENEGGER TO KIND OF HOOK INTO THE CAL FED PROGRAM. WE'RE
23 REALLY WORKING SOME OF THE AGENCIES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I
24 JUST HAD A MEETING WITH THE EAST AND WEST BASIN, WHICH
25 PROBABLY COVERS SEVERAL OF YOUR SUPERVISORS HERE. I'M GLAD TO



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1 DO YOU HAVE AN OVERALL MAP THAT I CAN BLOW UP TO IMPLANT THE
2 WATER DISTRICTS ON THERE. I'M HAVING MEETINGS WITH-- OF ALL
3 THE 25 MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE MET, I'M MEETING-- WELL, 17 OF
4 THEM ARE IN L.A. COUNTY AREA, YOUR COUNTY. SO WHAT I'M TRYING
5 TO DO IS IMPLANT ALL THE WATER DISTRICTS IN THE CITIES WITHIN
6 YOUR JURISDICTION. I'M ONLY HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT, IN ONE
7 OF THESE THINGS HERE, I HAVE A LETTER FROM SCHWARZENEGGER. I'M
8 TRYING TO GIVE HIM GOOD IDEAS OF WHAT DIRECTION TO GO IN.
9 DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER GAVE ME THE GREEN POWER PROGRAM
10 TO GIVE TO SCHWARZENEGGER, WHICH I DID. I TOLD THE GOVERNOR
11 THAT DON'T SEE ME, SEE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER.
12 THERE'S NO SENSE IN REINVENTING THE WHEEL ON PHOTO
13 _____ CELLS. SO WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE TRYING TO
14 GUIDE PEOPLE INTO VARIOUS AREAS OF RESEARCH. NOW, WE'RE ALSO
15 LOOKING INTO DESALINIZATION HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IT'S
16 PRETTY MUCH ON THE ROPES NOW. THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY BUT
17 THEY'RE GETTING MONEY FROM THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. BUT
18 LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROCKY MORRISON FROM THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT
19 WAS SEEING ME. HE WANTS TO GO ON DISTILLATION MORE THAN
20 REVERSE OSMOSIS. SO THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF A CONFLICT GOING
21 THERE. SO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH I.H.S. IS LOOK INTO THE
22 SCIENTIFIC EVALUATIONS BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY AND
23 WATER AND POWER, WHICH IS VERY INTERESTING. AND ALSO I'M A
24 MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS,
25 SO MY OFFICE IS IN STUDIO CITY. I THINK THAT'S IN ZEV'S



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1 TERRITORY. RIGHT, ZEV? STUDIO CITY, CALIFORNIA. I DIDN'T EVEN
2 KNOW THAT...

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WRAP IT UP.

7

8 **BILL SEELIG:** BUT WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS I HAVE PACKAGES TO
9 GIVE YOU TO LOOK AT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU GIVE IT TO THE DEPUTY THERE,
12 WE'LL MAKE SURE EACH MEMBER GETS A COPY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **BILL SEELIG:** OKAY. THAT'S IT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. RATLIFF.

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18 **BILL SEELIG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. RATLIFF AND MR. HUERTA.
21 OKAY. YES.

22

23 **DAVID HUERTA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE ARE
24 HERE TODAY IN REGARDS TO LIVING WAGE AND THE SITUATION FOR
25 JANITORS WHO ARE BEING CURRENTLY SUBCONTRACTED TO CLEAN THE



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1 COUNTY HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE CAME HERE IN
2 1999 WITH YOU AND YOU HEARD OUR PLEA FOR A BETTER LIVING WAGE.
3 YOU RESPONDED AND, FOR A TIME, THE LIVING WAGE SET THE
4 STANDARD. BUT THAT STANDARD NO LONGER WORKS. WAGES ARE
5 STAGNANT AND HEALTH INSURANCE HAS SKYROCKETED AND, AS A
6 RESULT, WORKERS ARE MAKING LESS NOW THAN THEY WERE IN 1999
7 BECAUSE OF THE OUT OF POCKET COSTS THAT WORKERS HAVE TO PAY IN
8 ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR HEALTH BENEFITS. WE REPRESENT JANITORS
9 OF THE COUNTY HOSPITAL AND THESE-- AND THIS ARE CONTRACT IS
10 CURRENTLY OUT TO BID WITH THE COUNTY AS WELL AS IN
11 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNION. UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY ONE OF THE
12 SEVEN CURRENT CONTRACTORS WHO ARE BIDDING ON THIS ARE UNION--
13 RESPONSIBLE UNION CONTRACTORS, WHICH PUTS THEM IN A VERY
14 PRECARIOUS-- VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION, THE WORKERS WHO WORK AT
15 THE COUNTY. BUT IT'S ALSO A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE CHANGES WITHIN THAT COUNTY--
17 WITHIN THAT CONTRACT AND ALSO IN THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE TO
18 MAKE REAL CHANGES THAT'LL BE AFFECTING THE LIVES OF THE
19 WORKERS. JANITORS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR CURRENTLY ENJOY HEALTH
20 AND WELFARE BENEFITS, EMPLOYER PAID, LIVABLE WAGES, AND OTHER
21 BENEFITS THAT THESE JANITORS DO NOT ENJOY. WE WANT THE COUNTY
22 TO FOLLOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE, AND
23 MAKE SURE JANITORS GET WHAT THEY NEED, AND THAT IS HEALTH
24 INSURANCE AND BETTER WAGES FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.
25 I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER NOW TO VERNON RATLIFF.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN I WOULD ASK JOAQUIN SILVA AND
3 ESTELLA ANGUIANO TO JOIN US. OKAY, MR. RATLIFF.

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5 **VERNON RATLIFF:** HELLO. MY NAME IS VERNON RATLIFF. [INDISTINCT
6 VOICES]

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8 **VERNON RATLIFF:** HELLO. MY NAME IS VERNON RATLIFF. I AM A
9 JANITOR WITH _____ SERVICES AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. OKAY.
10 EXCUSE ME. HELLO. MY NAME IS VERNON RATLIFF. I AM A JANITOR
11 WITH _____ BUILDING SERVICE AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. FOR THE
12 LAST 16 YEARS AS A HOUSEKEEPER AT THE HOSPITAL. I FULFILL A
13 RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT, HANDLING BIOHAZARD IN
14 THE HOSPITAL... EXCUSE ME... OKAY. HANDLING BIOHAZARD IN THE
15 HOSPITAL THAT CARRIES GREAT RISK OF THE-- EXPOSURE TO DIRTY
16 NEEDLE, CHEMO, _____ BAGS, AND BODY FLUIDS THAT CARRY
17 DISEASES. I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT CARRIES THIS DUTY. THERE
18 ARE MANY THROUGHOUT THE HOSPITAL THAT CARRY OUT SUCH TASKS.
19 UNFORTUNATELY, THE WAGES AND BENEFITS WE EARN DO NOT RECOGNIZE
20 THE JOB THAT WE DO AS JANITORS THE COUNTY-- THROUGH THE COUNTY
21 IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. WAGES, BENEFITS, PAY-- PAY--
22 LET ME SEE-- KEEP GOING UP. I HAVE-- OKAY. OURS HAS NOT MOVED
23 FOR OVER FOUR YEARS BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATION OF ASSOCIATED
24 WITH THE COUNTY LIVING WAGES. I HAVE-- I ASK, IN THE NAME OF
25 MY CO-WORKERS AND MYSELF, THAT THE COUNTY BOARD MAKE EFFECTIVE



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1 CHANGES TO THE LIVING LAWS TO-- I MEAN, LAWS SO THAT WE, AS
2 JANITORS, CAN CARRY BETTER WAGES AND BENEFITS SIMILAR TO THOSE
3 IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOAQUIN? JOAQUIN, THEN STELLA,
8 AND IS IT TRIANA?

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10 **JOAQUIN SILVA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

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12 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** MR. SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
13 ANGELES, MY NAME IS JOAQUIN SILVA. I'M AN EMPLOYEE OF
14 MAINTENANCE AND I WORK FOR THE COMPANY PEREZ BUILDING
15 MAINTENANCE IN OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE LAST SIX
16 YEARS. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU TO EXPLAIN OUR
17 DIFFICULTIES WORKING UNDER THE LAW OF LIVING WAGES. IN THE
18 PAST SIX YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THE COMPANY AT OLIVE
19 VIEW MEDICAL CENTER, I'VE HAD THE GREAT SATISFACTION OF BEING
20 A FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN, ALONG WITH MY WIFE. ONE IS FIVE
21 YEARS AND A DAUGHTER RECENTLY BORN THREE MONTHS AGO-- THREE
22 WEEKS AGO. WITH THAT RESPONSIBILITY, THERE'S ALSO FAMILY
23 NEEDS, LIKE PAY THE RENT, PAY FOR FOOD, ATTEND TO THE
24 EDUCATION AND HEALTH OF MY CHILDREN AND FAMILY NOW AND IN THE
25 FUTURE. BUT EVERY DAY, MY FRIENDS AT WORK, THOSE THAT I WORK



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1 WITH THAT ARE FATHERS, PARENTS OF FAMILIES, THEY ARE WORKERS
2 JUST LIKE I AM AND IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT FOR ALL OF US TO
3 MAINTAIN OUR NEEDS, ECONOMICALLY SPEAKING. OUR EXPENDITURES TO
4 TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILIES, THEY RISE EVERY DAY. IN THE LAST
5 FOUR YEARS, THE MAINTENANCE WORKERS HAVE NOT SEEN A RISE IN
6 SALARY AND, ACTUALLY, THE OPPOSITE HAS HAPPENED. BECAUSE ALSO,
7 THE COST OF LIVING HAS RISEN BECAUSE NOW WE PAY MORE THAN \$70
8 A MONTH FOR AN INSURANCE THAT IS DEFICIENT FOR OUR NEEDS.
9 LASTLY, IN THE NAME OF MY CO-WORKERS AND OUR FAMILIES, WE
10 WOULD ASK JANITORS OF MAINTENANCE THAT THE LIVING WAGE FOR
11 THESE WORKERS, US, BE IMPROVED TO NOT BE HAVING TO TAKE OR
12 MAKE THESE DECISIONS, DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN OUR EXPENSES. WE
13 WORK HARD TO MAINTAIN THE HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES CLEAN AND, FOR THAT REASON, WE DESERVE THAT OUR WAGES
15 AND BENEFITS REFLECT OUR NEEDS AND IN THE WORK THAT WE DO.
16 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STELLA? STELLA, THEN TRIANA. OKAY. GOOD.

19

20 **ESTELLA ANGUIANO:** HI, MY NAME IS ESTELLA ANGUIANO. I THANK YOU
21 FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY. I WORK AT HIGH DESERT HEALTH
22 SYSTEM IN LANCASTER. I'VE WITH THE PEREZ COMPANY FOR 10 YEARS.
23 I LIVE IN PALMDALE WITH MY FOUR KIDS AND MY HUSBAND. I'M HERE
24 TODAY TO ASK THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES, ALL
25 WORKERS TO HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE AND DECENT WAGES. WE ARE



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1 ASKING THAT THE COUNTY DO WHAT IT CALLS ON PRIVATE COMPANIES
2 TO DO AND MAKE SURE THAT WORKERS TAKE CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES
3 AND THEMSELVES. I USUALLY GET AROUND PAID \$1,100 A MONTH AFTER
4 TAXES. I ALSO RECEIVE THE COUNTY HEALTHCARE OPTION, WHICH
5 GIVES ME THE 114 FOR MY INSURANCE, BUT IT'S ONLY FOR ME AND MY
6 HUSBAND. IT DOESN'T INCLUDE MY CHILDREN. I HOLD THE INSURANCE
7 BECAUSE IT COVERS THREE VISITS A YEAR, NO SHOTS, AND
8 SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, MORE LIKELY, NOTHING ELSE SO-- AND, NOT
9 ONLY THAT, IT DOESN'T COVER MY CHILDREN, EITHER. I WOULD HAVE
10 TO PAY A WHOLE PAYCHECK IN ORDER FOR ME TO HAVE HEALTH
11 INSURANCE FOR MY KIDS AND MY HUSBAND. I MAKE ENOUGH JUST TO
12 GET BY. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT WE WORK IN THE
13 SAME PLACE. MY TWO-YEAR-OLD IS ALWAYS SICK. HE'S ASTHMATIC. I
14 USUALLY SPEND MORE TIME IN THE CLINICS OR IN THE HOSPITAL THAN
15 AT MY HOUSE. LAST YEAR, WE HAD TO USE THE AMBULANCE, WHICH HIS
16 MEDICAL COVERED BUT NOW I'M ALWAYS AFRAID THAT, ONE DAY,
17 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE COVERED AND IT'S GOING TO COME OUT OF
18 MY POCKET BECAUSE IT DON'T COVER A LOT OF MEDICATIONS. THE
19 INSURANCE, IT'S GREAT, I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE INSURANCE FOR MY
20 WHOLE FAMILY WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE COUNTY AND
21 ALL OF MY CO-WORKERS ARE THINKING AND THEY NEED A BETTER
22 INSURANCE, TOO, A BETTER WAGES AND A BETTER PLAN FOR
23 EVERYBODY. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TRIANA.

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4 **TRIANA SILTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TRIANA SILTON. I'M
5 THE VICE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U LOCAL 1877. THE REASON THAT
6 WE'RE HERE TODAY IS AS A RESULT OF A LOT OF GOOD WORK THAT THE
7 COUNTY SUPERVISORS DID IN 1999 TO RECOGNIZE THE NEED OF
8 JANITORS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY BY PASSING A
9 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. SINCE 1999, THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE
10 HAS REMAINED STAGNANT AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT, THE WAGES OF
11 \$8.32 AN HOUR WITH \$1.14 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE HAVEN'T
12 INCREASED, RESULTING IN THE FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH BREAD, MILK,
13 RENT HAS INCREASED, THAT THE WORKERS ARE STILL COMPENSATED AT
14 LEVELS EQUAL TO WHAT THEY RECEIVED IN 1999. AT THE SAME TIME,
15 THE \$1.14 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE CERTAINLY DOESN'T BUY, IN 2004,
16 WHAT IT BOUGHT IN 1999 WE ALL KNOW ABOUT THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS
17 THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN, BOTH IN THE COUNTY AND IN THE
18 COUNTRY, AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THE WAGES AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
19 THAT IS SET ASIDE IN THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE FOR HEALTH
20 INSURANCE DOESN'T MEET THE NEEDS OF ANY OF THE WORKERS THAT
21 ARE CURRENTLY COVERED BY THAT ORDINANCE. THE JANITORS THAT
22 PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY DO WORK THAT THE COUNTY
23 DECIDED TO CONTRACT OUT FROM ITS CURRENT WORKERS. WE'RE HERE
24 TODAY TO RECOGNIZE THE FACT, FIRST OF ALL, THAT JANITORS ARE
25 THE ONLY OF THE LOW WAGE SECTOR WORKERS THAT ARE PREDOMINANTLY



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1 UNIONIZED OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE COVERED BY THE LIVING WAGE
2 ORDINANCE, WHICH MEANS THAT, AS A RESULT OF THAT UNIONIZATION
3 AND MANY OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE TODAY REACHED OUT TO THE
4 PRIVATE SECTOR TO ENSURE THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR REACHED AN
5 AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION, ESTABLISHING HIGHER LEVELS IN WAGES
6 AND BENEFITS, THAT THERE IS A HIGHER LEVEL IN THE PRIVATE
7 SECTOR THAN THE MINIMUM WAGE, DIFFERENT THAN THINGS LIKE
8 LANDSCAPING, WHERE THE MINIMUM WAGE IS REALLY THE NORM. WE'RE
9 HERE TODAY TO PROPOSE TWO DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS TO THE QUANDARY
10 THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN. THE FIRST IS THE SOLUTION THAT THE
11 STATE ADOPTED, WHICH WAS TO DEEM THAT WORKERS THAT WORKED IN
12 COUNTY BUILDINGS, SPECIFICALLY JANITORS, WOULD EARN 85% OF
13 WHAT THEIR EQUIVALENT EMPLOYED DIRECTLY BY THE STATE WOULD
14 MAKE. IN THAT WAY, THE COUNTY COULD ENSURE THAT IT WAS IN
15 COMPLIANCE WITH PROP A AND, AT THE SAME TIME, WOULD BE SETTING
16 THE WAGES AND BENEFIT LEVELS ESSENTIALLY FOR THEIR
17 SUBCONTRACTED OUT WORKERS WHILE THEY WERE ENGAGED IN THE
18 DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR COUNTY EMPLOYEES BECAUSE, IF A
19 SUBCONTRACTED JANITOR MAKES 85% OF THE BENEFITS AND WAGE
20 PACKAGE OF A JANITOR DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY, THEN THE
21 COUNTY MAINTAINS CONTROL OVER THAT PROCESS THROUGH THE
22 NEGOTIATIONS WITH S.E.I.U LOCAL 660 AND, AT THE SAME TIME,
23 INSURANCE THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH PROP A BUT DOESN'T ALLOW
24 JANITORS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AT COUNTY HOSPITALS TO REMAIN
25 WITHOUT THE TYPE OF WAGES AND BENEFITS THEY NEED TO NOT RELY



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1 ON COUNTY SERVICES, WHICH WAS THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF A LIVING
2 WAGE ORDINANCE. THE SECOND WAY OF ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM IS
3 TO ACTUALLY ADOPT WHAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS LAID OUT. THE
4 OWNERS OF THE-- THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION,
5 WHICH IS THE ASSOCIATION OF ALL THE BUILDINGS AND OWNERS AND
6 MANAGERS IN LOS ANGELES, CAME TOGETHER AND SAT DOWN WITH THE
7 UNION LAST YEAR TO NEGOTIATE A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT LAYING OUT
8 WAGE AND BENEFIT LEVELS. THE JANITORS THAT CLEAN 333 HOPE
9 SHOULD BE EARNING THE SAME AS THE JANITORS THAT CLEAN THE
10 MUSIC CENTER RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET AND SO THE OTHER WAY THAT
11 THE COUNTY CAN GO ABOUT RECTIFYING THIS PROBLEM IS TO ADOPT
12 THE WAGES AND BENEFITS THAT THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS
13 ADOPTED THAT ENSURE THAT JANITORS THAT CLEAN THOSE BUILDINGS
14 WILL NOT RELY ON COUNTY SERVICES, EITHER TO SUPPORT THEIR
15 FAMILIES OR TO PROVIDE THE FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE THAT THEY
16 SO DESPERATELY NEED IN THESE TIMES. WE COME TODAY BEFORE THE
17 BOARD BECAUSE THE BOARD TOOK A BOLD STEP IN 1999 TO PROMOTE A
18 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE THAT BEGAN TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM AND
19 DID SO IN A REAL WAY AND MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S
20 ABILITY TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE AND SHELTER OVER THEIR HEADS.
21 UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE NOW REACHED A POINT WHERE WE NEED TO RE-
22 LOOK AT THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE AND ENSURE THAT IT MEETS
23 MORE THAN WHAT IT DID IN 1999 BECAUSE NOW, IN 2004, NEITHER
24 THE WAGES NOR THE BENEFITS PROVIDE US WITH WHAT THE JANITORS
25 NEED IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS WHILE



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1 CONTINUING TO PROVIDE A SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY. THERE ARE MANY
2 JANITORS THAT CONTINUE TO CLEAN COUNTY HOSPITALS, THAT,
3 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD, UNDER THEIR CURRENT HEALTH
4 INSURANCE PLANS TO GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, GO TO THE COUNTY
5 EMERGENCY ROOM AND SAY THEY DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE
6 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FIND THE MONEY TO DO IT A DIFFERENT WAY.
7 WHEN WE CAME BEFORE YOU IN 1999, THE BOARD REACHED A DECISION
8 THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT JANITORS TO HAVE TO RELY ON COUNTY
9 SERVICES. WHAT WE'RE TELLING YOU NOW IS THAT, IN 2004,
10 JANITORS AGAIN HAVE TO RELY ON COUNTY SERVICES, EVEN AS THEY
11 CLEAN COUNTY FACILITIES. THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN A DEMONSTRATION
12 BY THE BOARD OF TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS ON THE FRONT
13 END. WE'RE HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK THAT WE BEGIN TO LOOK
14 FOR A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM SO THAT, INSTEAD OF JANITORS
15 HAVING TO RELY ON COUNTY SERVICES, THEY'RE PAID WAGES AND ARE
16 PROVIDED WITH BENEFITS THAT THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO SURVIVE
17 INDEPENDENTLY AS A RESULT OF THE HARD WORK THEY DO CLEANING
18 THE HOSPITALS. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THERE ARE NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS? THEN I
23 WILL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION,
24 PLEASE.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
2 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
4 CS-1, CS-2, CS-3, AND CS-4, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
5 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM CS-5, CONSIDERATION OF
6 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM CS-6, CONFERENCE
7 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, DAVID E. JANSSEN AND DESIGNATED STAFF.
8 ITEM CS-7, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT
9 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION B OF
10 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 DUE TO A FINDING MADE PURSUANT
11 TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 B, SUBSECTION THREE, AND
12 AGENDA NUMBER 71, AS IT RELATES TO ITEM CS-2, AS INDICATED ON
13 THE POSTED AGENDA.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I ASK THAT WE GET A REPORT
16 ON THIS LAST PUBLIC TESTIMONY THAT WE HAD ON THE LIVING WAGE?
17 COULD I ASK THAT THE C.A.O. GIVE US AN ANALYSIS OF OUR OPTIONS
18 AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS OR
19 WHATEVER TIME, IN THE NEXT TWO TO FOUR WEEKS?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, WHAT IS THE EXTRA COST THAT LIVING WAGE
22 IS IMPOSING ON ALL COUNTY CONTRACTS?

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DOES IT COMPARE TO 3% OF 55, THINGS LIKE
2 THAT. NO, SERIOUSLY, AN ANALYSIS, IF I CAN JUST FINISH, JUST
3 AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT...

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5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND IT CERTAINLY WILL INCLUDE THE COST.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT MS. SILTON PROPOSED AND WHAT THE COSTS
8 ARE, WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE WITH RESPECT TO ARE THERE
9 S.E.I.U REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND-- BUT NOT JUST THAT BUT ALSO
10 IF YOU HAVE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU
11 COULD MAKE IN LIGHT OF WHERE THINGS HAVE BEEN IN THE LAST FEW
12 YEARS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** ALSO, COULD WE GET SOME ANALYSIS FROM COUNTY
15 COUNSEL OF WHETHER IT CAN BE 85% OF THE AGREED COUNTY WAGE FOR
16 SIMILAR TASKS? CAN WE TIE--

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU MEAN AN AUTOMATIC CONNECTION BETWEEN ONE
19 AND THE OTHER?

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. CAN WE HAVE AN AUTOMATIC CONNECTION, NOT
22 NECESSARILY 85%, BUT SOME PERCENTAGE THAT IS TIED TO THE-- I
23 GUESS IT WOULD HAVE TO BE THE NEGOTIATED UNION WAGE.

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL TAKE A FURTHER LOOK AT IT, SUPERVISOR,
2 BUT IT SEEMS TO BE THE SAME PROBLEM THAT WAS TURNED DOWN BY
3 THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT IN THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY CASE
4 WHERE THEY FOUND SB-402 UNLAWFUL, THE BOARD DELEGATING TO SOME
5 PRIVATE PARTY THE DECISION- MAKING PROCESS REGARDING THE
6 FISCAL ASPECTS OF THE COMPENSATION PAID BY COUNTY-- TO COUNTY
7 EMPLOYEES.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** SO WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN IS WE HAVE TO TAKE EACH-- WE
10 CAN SET UP SOME-- WE COULD POSSIBLY SET UP SOME COST OF
11 LIVING. IS THERE ANY COST OF LIVING IN THE ORDINANCE NOW?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T RECALL THAT THERE IS.

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. WE CAN LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE OPTIONS, THEN.

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17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MARCH 16, 2004**

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3 The Board of Supervisors met today in closed session. The
4 following action is being reported:

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6 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
7 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Robin
8 Tyler, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles
9 Superior Court Case No. BS 088 506.

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11 This lawsuit seeks to require the Registrar-Recorder/County
12 Clerk to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

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14 Action Taken: The Board authorized its legal counsel to defend
15 the aforementioned lawsuit. The vote of the Board of
16 Supervisors was unanimous with all Supervisors being present.

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18 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
19 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Cecil E.
20 Bugh v. Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association,
21 et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 055 611.

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23 This is a lawsuit concerning pension benefits of retirees who
24 received flexible benefit earnings while employed and whose



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1 final compensation was calculated, in whole or in part, prior
2 to January 1, 1991.

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4 Action Taken: The Board approved the filing of an appeal of
5 that portion of the Superior Court's judgment which is adverse
6 to the County in the aforementioned case. The vote of the
7 Board of Supervisors was unanimous with all Supervisors being
8 present.

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10 CS-7 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

11 (Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9

12 Significant exposure to litigation (one case)

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14 The Board made a finding in open session pursuant to
15 Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to
16 take immediate action and that the need for action came to the
17 attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted
18 as specified in subdivision (a).

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20 Action Taken: The Board authorized, pursuant to Government
21 Code Section 995.8, defense of the Office of the District
22 Attorney and individual deputy district attorneys who may be
23 named in criminal contempt proceedings in the United States
24 District Court, Central District of California, concerning the
25 retention in custody of a prisoner, Thomas L. Goldstein.



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1 The Board:

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3 1. Found that the proceedings involved acts or omissions of
4 the District Attorney's Office and/or the individual deputy
5 district attorneys taken in the course and scope of their
6 employment and official duties on behalf of the County of Los
7 Angeles;

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9 2. Found that the defense of the District Attorney's Office
10 and individual deputies would be in the best interest of the
11 County of Los Angeles;

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13 3. Found that the Office of the District Attorney and
14 individual deputies acted, or failed to act, in good faith,
15 without actual malice, and in the apparent interest of the
16 County of Los Angeles; and

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18 4. Directed the County Counsel to secure legal representation
19 for the District Attorney's Office and individual deputy
20 district attorneys who may be named in the contempt
21 proceedings.

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23 The vote of the Board of Supervisors was unanimous with all
24 Supervisors being present.

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in an for the State of California, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings was taken on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at the time and place therein set forth and recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings is a full, true, and correct transcript of the recorded proceedings before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action, nor in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of March, 2004.